Our Local Health District Boundary

Sydney Local Health District (SLHD, or the District) is located in the central and inner west of Sydney. The District encompasses a total land area of 126 square kilometres with a population density of 4,210 residents per square kilometre.

As of 1st January 2011, the boundaries of SLHD are defined according to Statistical Local Areas as outlined in the Australian Bureau of Statistics’ Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC). Boundaries are unaffected by any changes to Local Government Areas after 2011.

SLHD is comprised of seven complete Local Government Areas (LGAs): Ashfield, Burwood, City of Canada Bay, Canterbury City, Leichhardt, Marrickville and Strathfield.

In addition, two of the four Statistical Local Areas (SLAs) of the City of Sydney LGA are included within SLHD’s eastern boundary. These are the Sydney - South and the Sydney - West SLAs.
The LGA and SLA boundaries in SLHD dissect a number of suburbs, meaning residents from one suburb may be serviced by two different Local Health Districts depending on which side of the boundary they live.

The Sydney - West SLA boundary at the eastern edge of the District begins at the Pyrmont Bridge, and heads south on Murray St to join Darling Drive behind the Harbourside Shopping Centres and the Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre. The SLHD footprint includes University of Technology Sydney and Central Railway Station/Railway Square up to the Eddy Ave and the Elizabeth St/Chalmers St intersection. Royal Prince Alfred Park is within SLHD’s boundary, but Belmore Park is part of the Sydney - Inner SLA (SESLHD).

The Sydney - South SLA boundary to the east runs along Cleveland St to South Dowling St, following Southern Cross Drive to the Gardeners Rd overpass. The suburbs of Redfern, Waterloo, Eveleigh, Alexandria, Beaconsfield and the majority of Rosebery are within the SLHD boundary.

The Botany Bay LGA (SESLHD) then begins south of Gardeners Rd and continues west to the Alexandria Canal.

Figure 3 (left) – Satellite image of the Sydney - West SLA (SLHD) boundary with the Sydney - Inner and Sydney - East SLAs (SESLHD) [Source: Map retrieved on 3 June 2013 from Google Earth v7.1.1.1580b]

Figure 4 (right) – Satellite image of the Sydney - South SLA, bordered by the Sydney - East SLA and Randwick LGA to the east (SESLHD), and Botany Bay LGA to the south (SESLHD) [Source: Map retrieved on 3 June 2013 from Google Earth v7.1.1.1580b]
A number of suburbs in the southwestern reaches of the District are only partially included within SLHD’s boundary, as indicated in purple on Figure 5 above. They are Riverwood, Narwee, Beverly Hills and Kingsgrove to the south (partial Hurstville LGA, SESLHD), and Punchbowl and Greenacre to the west (partial Bankstown LGA, SWSLHD).

The area managed by SLHD Mental Health Services staff currently extends into the Bankstown LGA. The western Mental Health Services territory will come under review during the splitting of the hosted service planned for 2014.

For more detailed information on our District’s boundaries, please contact the SLHD Planning Unit on 02 9515 9517 or pam.garrett@sswahs.nsw.gov.au