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Associate Professor Sue Byrne is a Perth-based clinical psychologist and researcher whose work in the field of eating and weight disorders is internationally recognised.

A/Prof Byrne obtained a Master of Psychology (Clinical) and a PhD from the University of Western Australia (UWA) before relocating to the U.K., where she completed a Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Oxford.

During her time at Oxford, A/Prof Byrne joined a leading international research team in the field of eating and weight disorders, with whom she helped to develop and test new treatments for eating disorders and obesity. After five years of research and clinical training at the University of Oxford's Department of Psychiatry, A/Prof Byrne returned to the University of Western Australia, to continue this work.

With more than 80 articles published in peer reviewed journals, A/Prof Byrne is recognised as an important contributor to research on eating and weight disorders. Notably, she was the Chief Investigator of a National Health and Medical Research Council funded multi-centre, randomised control trial of three psychological treatments for anorexia nervosa in adults, the *Strong Without Anorexia Nervosa* (SWAN) study.

A/Prof Byrne was instrumental in establishing the first public eating disorder service for adults in Western Australia, housed at the Centre for Clinical Interventions in Northbridge. She is also Clinical Director of the Swan Centre, a private, outpatient clinic specialising in the treatment of eating disorders in Perth. She leads a UWA team of researchers and students in providing evidence-based psychological treatment for various eating and weight disorders across all ages.

A/Prof Byrne sits on the steering committee of the National Eating Disorders Collaboration, and is a member of the Clinical Oversight Committee of the Butterfly Foundation, the Australian and New Zealand Academy for Eating Disorders, the International Academy for Eating Disorders, and the Eating Disorders Research Society.

She is an advocate for the Australian arm of the Eating Disorders Genetic Initiative (EDGI) – the world's largest genetics investigation of eating disorders ever performed, that aims to identify the hundreds of genes that influence a person's risk of developing anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa and binge-eating disorder, to improve treatment, and ultimately, save lives.

"All avenues of enquiry, including the role of genetics, are essential to make meaningful advance to our understanding of eating disorders, to improve treatments, and save lives," said A/Prof Byrne.

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