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Communiqué: Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum – 18 May 2018 meeting

This is the first communiqué of the Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum (the Forum), which is the Forum of accreditation authorities with the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme.

This communiqué outlines the main discussions and decisions made at the most recent Forum meeting.

Forum's Strategic Plan 2017 – 2019

The work plan of the Forum is articulated in the Forum's Strategic Plan, available on the Forum's website here: <http://www.hpacf.org.au/statementsandpositionpapers>.

The following projects within the Strategic Plan were advanced at the May meeting.

Public Safety

Adopt a consistent approach to accreditation requirements for the safe and effective use of medicines

The Forum has been undertaking a project to ensure all graduates of entry-level health practitioner programs are educated to a foundational level in the safe and effective use of medicines, as appropriate to their scope of practice.

The Forum approved the next phase of this project, having recently commenced preliminary consultation of the draft documents with National Boards for each profession. This next phase will include distribution of the consultation document to stakeholder groups namely, jurisdictions, health consumer organisations, Indigenous health organisations, and professional bodies for each profession.

Developing Risk-based approaches to accreditation

Five of the accreditation authorities recently held a *risk-based accreditation of professional programs* workshop, and reported this back to the Forum. A stakeholder consultation will be the next stage of this project and will be conducted over the coming months.

Growth and Innovation

Support focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health through health professional education accreditation standards

Forum members approved the thematic review and the decision makers survey for distribution as recommended by the Working Group in determining how best to understand the accreditation role in improving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health outcomes. This will be released to stakeholders in May 2018.



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Development consensus Interprofessional Education (IPE) guidance

The members of the Forum working group will be meeting in late May 2018 to further progress this project, which will build on the work published in 2016 [here](#)

Other Business

- Allied Health Rural Generalist Education Program Accreditation System – the Forum met with the Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association team who are working on developing an accreditation system for rural generalist education programs for the allied health professions.
- The Forum Accreditation Managers Sub-Committee's Terms of Reference is now available on the Forum's website: <http://www.hpacf.org.au/accreditation-managers-sub-committee/>
- The Forum's response to the Higher Education Standards Panel's advice to the Minister on the impacts of professional accreditation in higher education is available on the Forum's website: <http://www.hpacf.org.au/statements-and-submissions/submissions/>

Next Meeting

The Forum looks forward to two guests who are invited to the next Forum meeting in July 2018, being Professor Worley, National Rural Health Commissioner and Mr Anthony McClaran, CEO, Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency.

Ms Bronwyn Clark

Chair

Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum

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