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Communiqué: Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum – July 2021 meeting

The Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum (the Forum), is the coalition of the 15 accreditation authorities for the regulated health professions in Australia with the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the Scheme).

This Communiqué outlines activity from the most recent Forum meeting held on 23 July 2021

HPAC Forum Strategic Plan 2020 - 2025

The Forum continues to progress the strategic priorities in its Strategic Plan 2020-25. The Forum meetings are structured with the main items discussed in alignment with the four key pillars and the KPIs within the plan, which is available on the Forum's website for information.

General Business

National Health Practitioner Ombudsman

Ms Richelle McCausland, Ombudsman and Commissioner and Ms Alice Henderson, Senior Investigator, attended the meeting giving an update on the independent review to Forum Members. The Commissioner and members discussed the procedural aspects of accreditation processes. Ms McCausland and Ms Henderson will give a further update to the Forum towards the last stage of the review in December 2021.

Interprofessional Education

The Forum's working group gave an update on their work to date, resulting from the findings of a survey conducted last year of the HPAC Forum members. The [Interprofessional Education \(IPE\) report, April 2020](#) is available on the Forum's website.

The next steps were discussed and the working group will re-convene on the agreed direction by Forum members.

Digital Capabilities

The Australian Medical Council (AMC) formed a partnership in 2020 with the Australian Digital Health Agency (the Agency) to engage in a project aimed at understanding how technology impacts on the standards of medical education, training and practice in Australia.

The Forum received a presentation from the AMC which provided an overview of the work and key project outcomes which were completed in July 2021 including the alignments with the Agency's Capability Action Plan (CAP), a proposed Capability Framework in Digital Health in Medicine which will be considered by the Agency moving forward. Forum members noted the alignment of the AMC project with the National Digital Health Capability Action Plan (CAP) and are now considering the future response by accreditation authorities to these frameworks in our work.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be 15 October 2021.

Ms Narelle Mills

Chair

Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum

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