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for regulated health professionals

Communiqué: Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum – 22 April 2022 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 to keep stakeholders informed about its work.

Discussions are in alignment with the pillars of the current [HPAC Forum 2020 - 2025 Strategic Plan](#). The plan is available on the Forum's website.

Presentations

Dr Mary Russell, Executive Director, Regulatory Operations and Ms Katrina Quinn, Director, Policy, Research and Engagement, TEQSA attended the meeting providing Members with an update on the review of stakeholder engagement methodologies taking place at TEQSA. Members discussed with Dr Russell and Ms Quinn opportunities for ongoing engagement between the Forum and TEQSA and the value of the relationship. Mr Michael Carpenter, Chair of the Forum's Accreditation Managers Sub-Committee gave a presentation on the impact of COVID-19 on accreditation processes, education providers and their programs.

AManC Accreditation Committee (AC)

As outlined in the latest [Communiqué](#) from the Accreditation Committee, the Forum will present updates on topics of interest to the Committee at its June and November 2022 meetings. One of the topics of interest to the Committee is the importance of shared language to progressing the Committee's whole-of-scheme and cross-profession advice in a range of areas. The Forum and Ahpra are therefore working jointly on a consolidated glossary of terms across the spectrum of accreditation, which is hoped to be completed by mid-2023.

Interprofessional Education (IPE) Strategy

Forum members endorsed the 2022-23 workplan to progressively achieve its vision and purpose on interprofessional education and interprofessional collaborative practice (IPE/IPCP). The Accreditation Liaison Group (ALG) noted the Forum's previous work on IPE and agreed that IPE Forum activities would run parallel to and feed into the "whole-of-scheme" IPE/IPCP strategy. The Australian Pharmacy Council and the Australian Medical Council are working together to resource the 2022-23 IPE workplan.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Forum will be held in July 2022 in Melbourne.

Ms Narelle Mills

Chair

Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum

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