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for regulated health professionals

Communiqué: Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum – 15 July 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 in 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](#) available on the Forum's website.

Presentations

Mr Paul Shinkfield, National Director, Strategy, Ahpra attended the meeting providing Members with an update on the proposed changes relevant to the accreditation functions as part of the 2022 National Scheme Strategy Review. Members were invited to provide feedback on the proposed changes.

The Australian Dental Council (ADC) presented an overview of the outcomes of their research to develop a framework to evaluate the impact of dental program accreditation. The final report [Understanding and evaluating the impact of dental program accreditation](#) is now available on the ADC website with further consultation expected over the coming months.

AManC Accreditation Committee (AC)

The Forum discussed the Committee workplan and the alignment of the Forum strategic plan to positively engage with the work of the Committee. More information on the work of the Accreditation Committee can be on their latest [Communiqué](#).

Accreditation Monitoring Framework

Monitoring is a key accreditation function outlined in the Health Practitioner National Law Act (the National Law). The Forum's Accreditation Managers Sub-Committee collaborated to develop the Accreditation Monitoring Framework guide which captures current monitoring practices across the Scheme and is a resource for accreditation authorities and external stakeholders. The Framework explains the range of monitoring activities that may be undertaken in the course of the accreditation process and how those activities work. It is recognised that not all authorities will undertake all of the activities included in the Framework.

The [Accreditation Monitoring Framework](#) is available on the Forum's website.

Interprofessional Education (IPE) Strategy

The Forum's Interprofessional Education Project Working Group provided an update to Members on the project aims which aims to contribute to enhanced collaboration between accreditation authorities and education providers in the delivery of IPE and the development of collaborative practitioners. Ethics approval is currently being sought with consultation with stakeholders to commence over the coming months.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Forum will be held in September 2022

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Chair

Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum

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