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Australia's accreditation authorities
for regulated health professionals

Communiqué Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum 16 December 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](#).

Presentations

Ms Robyn Kruk AO, Independent Reviewer, Review of health practitioner regulatory settings, provided an overview of the review which was announced on 8 December 2022 with a final report due in July 2023.

Ms Richelle McCausland, Ombudsman and Privacy Commissioner, National Health Practitioner Ombudsman (NHPO), Independent Review of complaints handling process and Ms Alice Henderson provided an update on the review in 2 sections – review of procedural aspects of accreditation processes and NHPO's expanded complaint handling jurisdiction.

Mr Tom Hogbin, Financial Management Consultant, and Mr Jason Busato from BDO Consultancy, who have been contracted by Ahpra to collect data and report on accreditation costs. Mr Hogbin presented the scope, timelines and key observations, commentary and next steps moving forward on collection of costs and data. BDO Consultancy will work with the professions early in 2023, recognizing that differences in size and structure between the Councils and Committees.

Dr Jen Desrosiers, Research and Communications Officer, Australian Medical Council presented an overview of the Department of Health's Intellectual Disability Health Competency Framework. In particular the AMC's involvement in the process on the development of the Framework by the Drafting group, which includes universities, health professions academic experts and people with intellectual disability.

Mr Paul Shinkfield, National Director, Strategy, Ahpra, provided an update on the draft proposal of the 2022 National Scheme Strategy Review with particular focus on discussions on the high-level strategic KPIs.

Mr Martin Fletcher, CEO, Ahpra, Mr Chris Robertson, Executive Director, Strategy and Policy, Ahpra and Mr Brett Simmonds, Co-Convenor, Forum of National Chairs (FoNC) attended the meeting to discuss collaboration in the Scheme between the Forum and the FoNC. The main theme of the next FoNC meeting in February will be workforce.

AManC Accreditation Committee (AC)

As outlined in the latest [Communiqué](#) from the Accreditation Committee.

Interprofessional Education (IPE) Strategy

An update was provided by Ms Bronwyn Clark on the project. Members thanked the working group for the volume of work that had been completed to date and will continue to update members as work progresses.

Governance of the Forum

Members of the Forum and the Governance working group have reviewed and approved an updated 2023-25 Strategic Plan.

The updated strategic plan will be available on the Forum's website within the coming weeks.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Forum will be in February 2023 and will be held in Canberra.

Ms Narelle Mills

Chair

Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum

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