

Professions Reference Group Communiqué

The Professions Reference Group (PRG) met at the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) National office in Melbourne on Monday 5 December 2016.

Accreditation systems review

The Accreditation Reviewer, Professor Michael Woods, outlined the scope of the accreditation systems review and sought members' feedback on its approach.

Review of governance of NRAS

Deborah Frew, Director of Workforce Strategy and Culture, Ministry of Health, NSW, advised members on the scope and timelines for the review of governance arrangements of the NRAS.

AHPRA update

AHPRA CEO, Martin Fletcher, updated members on matters including:

- status of the Queensland Parliamentary Committee's inquiry into the performance of the Queensland Health Ombudsman's (OHO) functions
- status of the Senate inquiry, [Medical complaints process in Australia](#), and
- progress of the independent review of chaperoning conditions.

Notifications

Members were asked for feedback on a proposed policy for reprimands. Members were also updated on ongoing work and appointments in the notifications area.

New Chair in 2017

Members were advised that Genevieve Quilty would be stepping down from the Chair role, with members to elect a new Chair in early 2017.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the PRG will be held face to face at the AHPRA offices in Melbourne in early 2017.

Genevieve Quilty

Chair

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