

Public consultation on proposed professional capabilities for paramedics

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Responses to consultation questions

Please provide your confidential feedback as a Word document by email to paramedicineconsultation@ahpra.gov.au by midday on 13 March 2020.

Stakeholder Details

If you wish to include background information about your organisation please provide this as a separate Word document (not PDF). Should we add that we are Not for Profit Organisation and contracted for emergency ambulance only by the Government?

Organisation name
St John WA Ltd
Contact information <i>(please include contact person's name and email address)</i>
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Proposed professional capabilities for paramedics <i>Please provide your responses to any or all questions in the blank boxes to the right of the question</i>	
<p>1. Does any content need to be added to any of the document?</p>	<p>Yes, a statement regarding leadership in times of urgency or crisis.</p> <p>Domain 1 -reporting any restrictions to practice imposed by the Board to the paramedics employer</p> <p>Domain 4- Identify and manage risks associated with a patient's refusal of care or transportation to definitive care.</p> <p>Domain 4- A statement regarding acknowledging fitness to practice, e.g not working while under the influence of medications, alcohol or while injured</p> <p>Domain 2- A statement acknowledging limitations of skills and delegation of patient care commensurate with skill level</p> <p>Domain 4- Actively seek further education and training where practice improvements are identified</p>
<p>2. Does any content need to be amended or removed from any of the document?</p>	<p>There are a number of nebulous statements that require further clarification, examples include:</p> <p>Domain 1- demonstrate knowledge of Australian Care systems</p> <p>Domain 4 Maintain an effective audit trail (perhaps should be comply with audit processes)</p> <p>Domain 4 – monitor and evaluate the quality of practice and the value of contributing to the generation of data for quality assurance improvement programs. Needs to be more specific</p>
<p>3. Is there important content in these capabilities that is better placed in clinical practice guidelines or in ethical and professional guidelines, and vice versa?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>4. Is the content on cultural safety clear and helpful? Why or why not?</p>	<p>Needs to state that cultural safety is specific to Regions and Territories</p>

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5. Is the language clear and appropriate? Are there any potential unintended consequences of the current wording?	Further clarity of the statements already identified..
6. Are there jurisdiction-specific impacts for practitioners, or governments or other stakeholders that the Board should be aware of if these professional capabilities are adopted?	Reference to Organisational policies and Enterprise Agreements. Working with volunteers.
7. Are there implementation issues the Board should be aware of?	Contradictions with organisational policies and Enterprise Agreements
8. Do you have any other feedback or comments on this consultation paper, process or the proposed draft proposed professional capabilities?	Mapping to the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards as a framework for the capabilities.