

Professions Reference Group Communiqué

The Professions Reference Group (PRG) met at the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) National office in Melbourne on Wednesday 20 April 2016.

The group met with representatives of the HWPC/NRAS Review Governance Group and noted:

- the implementation plan for recommendations from the NRAS review, including governance arrangements, jurisdictional responsibilities and packages for legislative reform
- Specific Ministerial requests to strengthen the operations of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme, have been included as part of the the NRAS review implementation work plan, and
- that Ministers had met on 8 April 2016, and that a decision not to consolidate National Boards was made.

Senate Inquiry: Medical complaints process in Australia

Members noted the Senate Inquiry was underway, although caretaker arrangements as part of the Federal election may affect the progress of this Inquiry.

Profession-specific performance summaries and AHPRA performance reporting

Members noted the publication of profession-specific performance summaries for 2014/15 and that AHPRA now published [quarterly performance reports](#) for each jurisdiction.

Decisions and actions

- Further discussion for PRG Members interested in discussing the process for provision of evidence of CPD and PII where practitioners are selected for audit would be organised

Next meeting

The next meeting of the PRG will be held face to face at the AHPRA offices in Melbourne in June 2016.

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Chair

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