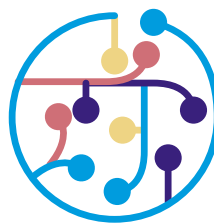


# Information for the public: Consultation on a draft Data strategy



We hold, publish and share data about the registered health practitioners who may provide care to you.

We want the data we hold to help you make informed choices about your healthcare. We also want the data we hold to contribute to patient safety for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

We want your thoughts on how we use and share the data we hold about registered health practitioners.

## What are we consulting on?

We are seeking your feedback on the draft Data strategy. We also want your thoughts on three focus areas: the public register (list of practitioners), data sharing and advanced analytics.

### List of practitioners

We publish the only authoritative list of all registered health practitioners in Australia (the [public register](#)). It lets you know who is appropriately qualified and has met the requirements to practise a health profession in Australia.

Currently, we do not publish information about a health practitioner's disciplinary history on the public register.

We want to hear from you about what additional information should be included on the public register, including what information would help you in accessing culturally safe healthcare. We also want to hear your views on including practitioners' disciplinary history on the public register.

### Data sharing

The National Law<sup>1</sup> allows us to share data with certain organisations to protect the public, including courts and Medicare. We take our privacy and confidentiality obligations very seriously, including the privacy and confidentiality of those who raise concerns with us.<sup>2</sup> We will never share identifiable information about you unless we have a legal reason to do so (e.g. a court subpoena).

We want to hear from you about how we can share (or receive) data to benefit the public.

### Advanced analytics

The data we hold can be used to improve safety in health care.

We want to harness new and emerging data technologies to help us identify risk factors, triage higher risk matters, manage our regulatory work effectively and support regulatory decision making.

Advanced analytics can help us manage notifications more efficiently and effectively and provide more timely resolution and closure for those who've raised concerns with us.

We want to hear your views about how Ahpra should approach using advanced analytics and machine learning technologies. We will only use these technologies within a robust legal and ethical framework, and with transparent information available about the approach.

<sup>1</sup> Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory

<sup>2</sup> Ahpra's [Privacy Policy](#)

## Have your say on our draft Data strategy by 31 January 2023

To learn more about our draft Data strategy, please read our [consultation paper](#).

To share your views on any or all aspects of the draft Data strategy, please answer our consultation questions by using the [online form](#) or by emailing your submission to [AhpraConsultation@ahpra.gov.au](mailto:AhpraConsultation@ahpra.gov.au).

Ahpra acknowledges the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to lands, waters and communities. We pay our respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and Elders past, present and emerging.