

Professions Reference Group Communiqué

The Professions Reference Group (PRG) met at the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) National office in Melbourne on Thursday 13 August 2015.

The group discussed:

- Health Ministers' response to the final report of the three-year review of the National Scheme
- registration fees for 2015/16 which will be announced shortly
- AHPRA's work on improving the notifications process including with Health Complaints Entities (HCEs)
- work underway at AHPRA to examine available data to inform a risk-based approach to regulation
- raising public awareness of the Register of practitioners and the importance of seeing a registered health practitioner
- future improvements to the functionality of the Register of practitioners, and
- AHPRA operations including:
 - drug and alcohol screening in relation to monitoring and compliance
 - work on improving practitioner and notifier experiences within the Scheme
 - provisional annual report data, and
 - improvements to AHPRA processes.

Decisions and actions:

- The PRG Terms of Reference were endorsed for publication.
- Genevieve Quilty was elected Chair of the Professions Reference Group for one year.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the PRG will be held face to face at the AHPRA offices in Melbourne in October 2015.

Genevieve Quilty

Chair

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