

Professions Reference Group Communiqué

The Professions Reference Group (PRG) met at the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) National office in Melbourne on Tuesday 16 May 2017.

AHPRA update

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

- the report from the Senate inquiry, *Complaints mechanism administered under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law*
- the independent review of chaperoning conditions
- recruitment processes underway for persons interested in being appointed to the inaugural Paramedicine Board of Australia as well as for vacancies on some National Boards and State and Territory Boards, and that
- registrations were now open for the CLEAR (Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation) [International Congress on Professional and Occupational Regulation](#), being held in Melbourne on 16-17 November, 2017.

Regulatory operations

Members noted that the quarterly performance report for the third quarter was available and were updated on work with notifiers and health practitioners to improve their experience of the notifications process.

Implementation of outcomes for the NRAS review

Members were updated on the progress of amendments to the National Law, including expected timeframes for the proposed rounds of amendments to be progressed.

Advertising compliance strategy

Members were updated on the new advertising compliance strategy including AHPRA's planned approach and available resources.

Non-registered practitioners (outside of Australia) providing advice to registered practitioners in Australia

Members discussed instances of Australian health practitioners seeking diagnostic advice from practitioners overseas and the possible ramifications under the National Law.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the PRG will be held on Wednesday, 30 August 2017.

Jodette Kotz

Chair

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