

Media release

Local decisions in a National Scheme – Regulating health practitioners in the Northern Territory

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The number of registered health practitioners in the Northern Territory (NT) has continued to grow over the past year with AHPRA and the National Boards today releasing a report on health practitioner regulation in the NT for the year ending 30 June 2016.

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Drawn from the [2015/16 Annual report of AHPRA and the National Boards](#), the report provides a snapshot of registered health practitioners in the NT as well as information about our work to keep the public safe. It also includes national comparisons to show how the NT compares with national rates.

‘The summary report provides an NT lens on the regulation of health practitioners in Australia,’ said AHPRA CEO Martin Fletcher. ‘It profiles the work of our local AHPRA office in Darwin and the important work of health practitioner boards in the NT.’

‘It demonstrates the importance of our local arrangements while drawing on the benefits of being part of a national registration scheme.’

Some of the highlights include:

- there are now 6,913 registered health practitioners in the NT, compared with 6,696 in the previous year
- NT practitioners accounted for 1.1% of all registered health practitioners in Australia
- there was a 16.3% decrease in notifications in the NT compared to a 19.7% national increase
- there was one notification closed after a panel hearing and 17 tribunal decisions finalised during the year
- NT boards and committees took ‘immediate action’ 10 times as an interim step to manage risk to public safety during the year, leading to a restriction on registration in seven cases, and
- there were 55 cases under active compliance monitoring in the NT as at 30 June 2016, accounting for 1.1% of all cases nationally.

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