

Response template for the proposed Interprofessional Collaborative Practice Statement of Intent public consultation

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This response template is the preferred way to submit your response to the public consultation on the draft proposed **Interprofessional Collaborative Practice (IPCP) Statement of Intent**.

Please provide any feedback in this document, including your responses to all or some of the questions in the text boxes on the following pages. The boxes will expand to accommodate your response. You do not need to respond to a question if you have no comment.

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Please complete this response template and email to AC_consultation@ahpra.gov.au using the subject line 'Feedback: Proposed Interprofessional Collaborative Practice Statement of Intent'. **Submissions are due by COB 8 August 2023**

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Stakeholder details

Please provide your details in the following table:

Name:	Professor Lisa Keay and Dr Kathleen Watt
Organisation name:	School of Optometry and Vision Science, UNSW
Interest in joining as a signatory to the final statement	Is your organisation interested in being invited to sign the final statement? Yes

Your responses to the consultation questions

1. Is the content, language and structure of the proposed statement clear and relevant? Why or why not?
<p>The statement highlights the importance of interprofessional collaborative practice (IPCP) in healthcare and outlines valuable associated goals and values. The vision and intent are clear and the structure of the statement is logical.</p> <p>The statement includes a definition of interprofessional collaborative practice.</p> <p>The definition refers to “healthcare practice where multiple health workers from different professional backgrounds...”. IPCP literature has in some instances extended beyond clinical staff to non-clinical and other support staff (eg health economists) and it may be valuable to include in a definition of the intended other professions.</p> <p>The definition in the ICPS <i>Statement of Intent</i> differs from the Public Consultation paper with the inclusion of the phrase “... <i>that is free of racism</i>”.</p> <p>While the implementation of IPCP frameworks has demonstrated positive effects on health outcomes particularly addressing social determinants of health, the specific impact on addressing racism as a direct outcome is currently limited in the available literature. However, there appears to be emerging interest in this area and IPCP. Integrating existing IPCP approaches with additional measures and strategies to effectively address racism within healthcare settings would be valuable inclusion. However, reducing racism in healthcare may require broader approaches, such as implementing anti-racist policies, promoting cultural competence training, fostering diversity and inclusion, recruitment and support strategies of people from diverse backgrounds, and addressing biases within healthcare systems.</p> <p>The shared goals section includes a long list in bullet points with a variety of goals across several themes. It would be beneficial to the reader to group bullet points under thematic sub-headings. For example stated goals align well with the <i>Sunnybrook framework for interprofessional team collaboration</i> (McLaney et al 2022) domains of interprofessional practice and care, interprofessional leadership and interprofessional education.</p>

2. Is there anything else the accreditation committee should consider that would be helpful to include in the proposed statement? If so, please provide details.

In addition to the existing shared goals the following goal themes could include:

Goals that address the role of **leadership in healthcare settings** as part of IPCP. The promotion of leadership teams that include people from diverse backgrounds and professions. This approach recognises the value and different perspectives with the power to effect change at an organisational level.

Although inferred in the document, further emphasis on and commitment to support promoting and supporting research and quality improvement strategies would be appropriate. This would include effective ways to disseminate research and knowledge sharing across the various settings within the health care system in Australia.

3. Do you have any general comments or other feedback about the proposed statement?

The proposed statement of intent represents a significant step towards the further integration of interprofessional collaborative practice within the Australian healthcare sector. As education providers, the School of Optometry and Vision Science, UNSW is pleased to express our commitment to supporting this initiative. We welcome any opportunity to contribute by providing specific strategies that align with our role in education. Furthermore, we are committed to actively participating in efforts to address healthcare inequities and promote inclusivity within our healthcare system.