

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.

Making a submission

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 Garry Fitzpatrick
Organisation name:	The University of Western Australia
Interest in joining as a signatory to the final statement	Is your organisation interested in being invited to sign the final statement? [indicate Yes or No]

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 content, language, and structure of the proposed statement are generally clear and relevant. The statement introduces the concept of interprofessional collaborative practice (IPCP) and its importance in delivering effective team-based and coordinated care for patients and healthcare consumers. It outlines the goals and vision for embedding IPCP across the Australian health system, education, training, clinical governance, and practice.</p> <p>The language used is concise and straightforward, making it easy to understand the purpose and objectives of the proposed statement. The structure of the statement is logical, with sections clearly defining the context, shared vision, shared goals, shared values, and the commitment of the Accreditation Committee.</p> <p>The content effectively communicates the intention to promote interprofessional collaboration and highlights the areas where action is needed to achieve the stated goals. However, it would be beneficial to provide more specific details regarding the strategies and actions that will be taken to accomplish these goals.</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.
<p>While the proposed statement covers several important aspects of interprofessional collaborative practice, there are a few additional elements that could be considered for inclusion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Clear guidelines and standards: It would be helpful to cite or include specific guidelines and standards for interprofessional collaborative practice that can be adopted by the 16 professions within the National Scheme (at least reference some guidelines even if they be international). These guidelines can provide a framework for implementing and assessing IPCP across various healthcare settings.2. Evaluation and measurement: Including a section on evaluation and measurement would emphasise the importance of assessing the impact of interprofessional collaborative practice initiatives. This could involve establishing metrics, collecting data, and regularly evaluating the effectiveness of IPCP implementation.3. Continuous improvement: Incorporating a commitment to continuous improvement would encourage ongoing reflection and refinement of interprofessional collaborative practice. This could involve creating mechanisms for feedback, learning from best practices, and adapting strategies based on emerging evidence and stakeholder input. The process may be yearly or bi-annually etc.4. Professional development and training: Highlighting the importance of ongoing professional development and training in interprofessional collaborative practice can help ensure that

healthcare professionals are equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively work in collaborative teams.

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

The proposed statement demonstrates a strong commitment to promoting interprofessional collaborative practice in the Australian health system, education, training, clinical governance, and practice. It effectively communicates the vision, goals, and shared values that underpin this commitment.

One suggestion for improvement is to emphasise the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion within interprofessional collaborative practice. While the statement mentions cultural safety and addressing racism, it would be valuable to explicitly address the need for promoting diversity in healthcare teams and ensuring equitable access to care for all individuals and communities.

Additionally, providing brief examples or case studies of successful interprofessional collaborative practice initiatives could help illustrate the potential impact and benefits of IPCP, fostering a greater understanding and engagement among stakeholders.