

Professions Reference Group Communiqué

The Professions Reference Group (PRG) met at the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) National office in Melbourne on Tuesday 30 August 2016.

Implementation of NRAS review recommendations

Representatives of the HWPC/NRAS Review Governance Group were in attendance, and updated members on progress of the NRAS Review implementation and the governance and accreditation systems reviews.

AHPRA update

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

- The joint AHPRA/National Boards submission to the Queensland Parliamentary Committee's inquiry into the performance of the Queensland Health Ombudsman's (OHO) functions, now [published online](#), and
- the announcement of the independent review of chaperoning conditions, [announced by the Medical Board of Australia and AHPRA](#).

National Scheme awareness campaign and registrant engagement

- Members received an update on the ongoing National Scheme awareness campaign, including the [Safe in the Knowledge](#) public campaign.
- Members were informed about how National Boards engage with registrants, and advised AHPRA staff on what improvements could be made to National Boards' engagement approach.

Notifications

Members were updated on improvements to the notifications section of the AHPRA website.

Decisions and actions

- PRG members requested further consultation as part of the accreditation systems review (a component of the NRAS Review implementation plan).

Next meeting

The next meeting of the PRG will be held face to face at the AHPRA offices in Melbourne in November 2016.

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