

Minimising Practitioner Distress Expert Advisory Group terms of reference

November 2023

Purpose

The Minimising Practitioner Distress Expert Advisory Group has been established following the work of the Expert Advisory Group (EAG) to identify and minimise the risk of distress in practitioners involved in a regulatory process and the release of its findings, recommendations and actions.

The purpose of the group is to provide independent and objective advice to the CEO on the implementation of the recommendations and actions of the EAG.

This group reports to the National Executive.

Chair

Ms Rachel Phillips, Chair, Psychology Board of Australia and Co-convenor Forum of NRAS Chairs

Members

Miss Amanda Haimes, practitioner with lived experience

Dr Anna Van der Gaag, Visiting Professor in Ethics and Regulation, University of Surrey, UK

Dr Anne Tonkin, Chair, Medical Board of Australia

Ms Carly Smalley, family member with lived experience

Ms Catherine Schofield, member, Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia

Dr Janine Rowse, practitioner with lived experience

Ms Kym Ayscough, Executive Director, Regulatory Operations, Ahpra

Ms Lizzie Lockett, Chief Executive Officer, Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, UK

Associate Professor Manaan Kar Ray, Psychiatrist; Divisional Director, Adult Mental Health, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane

Mr Martin Fletcher, CEO, Ahpra

Mr Matthew Hardy, National Director, Notifications, Ahpra

Ms Susan Biggar, National Manager, Regulatory Experience and Engagement, Ahpra

The Group may appoint or engage with other attendees with specialist expertise to assist it in carrying out its work for a specific matter or time.

Functions

- 1. Give feedback to the Steering Committee to support the implementation of the recommendations.
- 2. Provide advice to the Steering Committee in their area of expertise.
- 3. Exchange information that could influence the implementation of the recommendations.
- 4. Monitor the progress of the implementation of the recommendations.

Meetings

Meetings will be held monthly-to-quarterly initially and then as required. Meetings will be held virtually.

A quorum is a majority including the Chair (or their nominee).

Secretariat

Secretariat will be provided by Ahpra.

Review

This is a time-limited sub-committee and will be reviewed annually.