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Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency

Media release

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AHPRA confirms ACC referral

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) today confirmed it had received a referral from the Australian Crime Commission (ACC), as a result of the ACC's investigation into drugs in sport.

The ACC has referred some registered health practitioners for review by AHPRA and the National Boards. AHPRA and the relevant National Boards will now examine the referral to determine what action may be necessary to protect the public.

The role of the National Boards and AHPRA under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme is to protect the public.

The powers of the National Boards and AHPRA are set down in the National Law. Information about our investigative processes and our role in managing complaints (called notifications in the National Law) is published on the website under <u>notifications</u>.

If a National Board believes there is a serious risk to public health and safety, it has the power to take immediate action to restrict a practitioner's registration in some way. More information about this power is published on this <u>fact sheet on immediate action</u>.

To protect the integrity of any future investigation, AHPRA and the National Boards will not comment further or confirm any details of the referral from the ACC.

If, after an investigation or another process under the National Law, a practitioner's registration is limited in some way, this will be published on the <u>register of practitioners</u>.

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