

Professions Reference Group Communiqué

The Professions Reference Group (PRG) was held at the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) National office in Melbourne on Thursday 15 May 2014.

The following items were discussed/decided.

- The group discussed:
 - Update on Victorian Parliament Inquiry – majority and two minority reports
 - Health Issues Centre interim report – improving notifier experience
 - Update on planning for transition to the new Queensland Ombudsman and the co-regulatory model, including outlining the provisions in the legislation for the financial arrangements with the National Scheme
 - Briefing on Key Performance Indicators being implemented by AHPRA and National Boards to monitor the timeliness of the management of notifications at key stages, with the invitation to provide feedback
- Three year review of the National Scheme by Ministers kicked off 28 April. Review team invited preliminary submissions by June, ahead of release of discussion paper for formal feedback, expected in August 2014
- Update on clearer Advertising Guidelines released on 20 May
- AHPRA Operational update - including data on notifications, renewals and audits
- AHPRA Service Charter update and suggestions on re-ordering the information and providing different online publications for practitioners and the public

Next meeting

The next meeting of the PRG will be held face to face at the AHPRA offices in Melbourne in August 2014.

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Chair

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