

Professions Reference Group Communiqué

The Professions Reference Group (PRG) was held at the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) National office in Melbourne on Wednesday 27 November 2013.

The following items were discussed/decided.

- The group received verbal updates from:
 - AHRPA CEO
 - AHRPA Director of Business Improvement and Innovation (presented by CEO)
 - AHPRA Director of National Board Services
- The group discussed:
 - The lodgment and tabling of the AHPRA Annual Report
 - Update on Victorian Parliament Inquiry – AHPRA due to report before parliamentary committee in December
 - The scheduled three year review of the National Scheme by Ministers is expected to begin in first quarter of next year
 - Advertised Board vacancies
 - Consultations on Board standards and guidelines: advertising, social media and criminal history and welcomed members to provide feedback
- AHPRA Operational update presented showing data on notifications, renewals and health workforce data collection improvements
- Discussed communications strategy for implementation of Health Ombudsman Bill in QLD
- Update on the work of the Community Reference Group
- Decided on a PRG communiqué to be distributed after each meeting, and for information about the group to be added to the AHPRA website

Next meeting

The next meeting of the PRG will be held via teleconference from the AHPRA offices in Melbourne on 15 May 2014.

Cris Massis

Chair
Professions Reference Group