

Community Reference Group Communiqué

The Community Reference Group (CRG) met at the AHPRA National office in Melbourne on Thursday 12 March 2015.

Editorial panel and community engagement

- Members advised on recruitment for an editorial panel.
- Members discussed consumer feedback on improvements to notifications letter templates.
- Members recommended producing information brochures and hosting community engagement forums to help increase awareness of the National Scheme (providing advice on, for example, where to go if you have a health complaint and how to check the registration of your health practitioner).

Co-regulatory jurisdictions

- Members were given an overview on co-regulation in Queensland, including the role of the Office of the Health Ombudsman (OHO) and how the relationship between AHPRA and the OHO operates since the shift to co-regulation on 1 July 2014.

Consultations

- Members noted open consultations and commented that with regard to the consultation, *Psychology Board of Australia - Public consultation on proposed amendments to the Provisional registration standard and the Guidelines for the 4+2 internship program*, supervision requirements might be diluted under the proposed amendments.

CRG work plan and induction materials

- Members noted opportunities for CRG input on future work AHPRA might undertake resulting from the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme review.
- Members provided feedback on induction materials for new members to ensure a smooth transition when new members are appointed.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the CRG will be held at the AHPRA National office in May 2015.

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