

Professions Reference Group Communiqué

The Professions Reference Group (PRG) met at the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) National office in Melbourne on Tuesday 28 February 2017.

Accreditation systems review

The Accreditation Reviewer, Professor Michael Woods, updated members on the progress of the accreditation systems review.

AHPRA update

AHPRA CEO, Martin Fletcher, updated members on matters including:

- the [successful prosecution](#) of a health practitioner for advertising offences.
- the Senate inquiry, [Complaints mechanism administered under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law](#).
- the independent review of chaperoning conditions, and
- a workshop held with key Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health leaders, AHPRA personnel and key stakeholders focused on identifying the National Scheme's strategy and role in ensuring patient safety for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australia's health system.

Martin noted the CLEAR (Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation) [International Congress on Professional and Occupational Regulation](#) was being held in Melbourne on 16-17 November, 2017.

Notifications

Members were updated on improvements to AHPRA's operating model and user experience in the notifications area.

Advertising

Members were asked for advice on increasing practitioner awareness of advertising obligations.

New Chair in 2017

Jodette Kotz (Australian Medical Association) was elected Chair of the Professions Reference Group for one year.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the PRG will be held on Tuesday, 16 May 2017.

Jodette Kotz

Chair

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