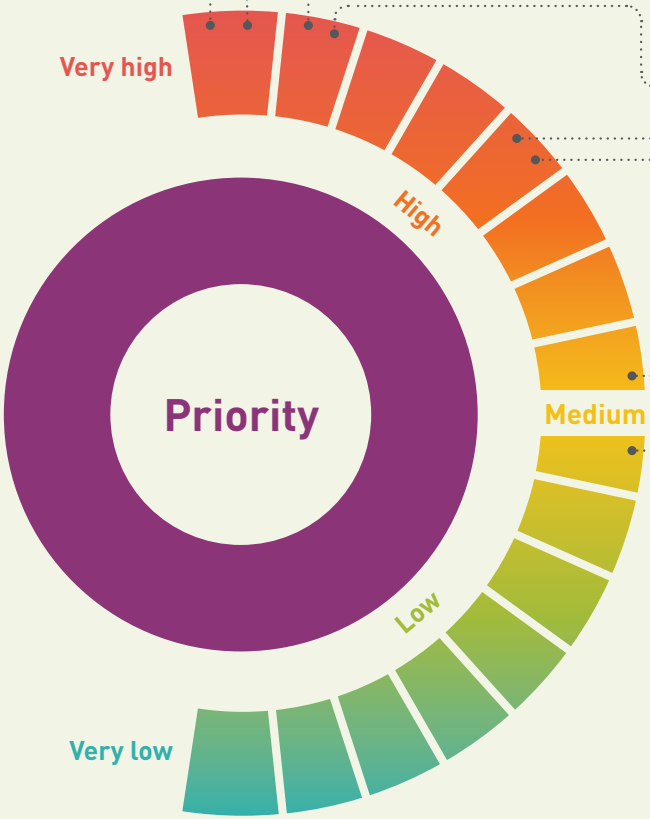
Research priority heat map



Define harms and risks (related to the practice of regulated health professions)

- How do we define harms and risks?
- What are the characteristics and incidence of vexatious complaints about registered health practitioners?

Regulatory taxonomy (classification scheme)

- What are the essential fields for coding in our multi-professional complaints (notifications) taxonomy?
- What are the essential profession-specific fields to be included in the complaints (notifications) taxonomy?

Risk factors for complaints (notification) and/or poor performance

- What are the key risk factors for complaints (notifications) in the National Scheme?
- What protective factors (related to practitioner behaviours/attributes) could be used by national boards to mitigate risks and prevent harm to the public?

Evidence for standards, codes and/or guidelines

- What is the evidence for the effectiveness of elements of the continuing professional development (CPD) registration standard in maintaining competence to practice and preventing/reducing risk of notifications?
- What is the evidence of effectiveness for key elements of common standards/codes and guidelines (e.g. professional indemnity insurance (PII), recency of practice and English language)?

Evaluating regulatory interventions

- What are the best regulatory interventions to influence practitioner behaviour to prevent complaints (notifications) and reduce harm?
- Are some conditions more effective and efficient than others for changing registered health practitioner behaviours?
- What alternative regulatory interventions could be used for managing poorly performing registered health practitioners and impaired registered health practitioners?
- What is the best method to evaluate effectiveness of regulatory decision-making?

Stakeholder satisfaction and engagement

- What are the characteristics of those who make a complaint (notifiers)?
- What are the barriers to making a complaint (notification)?

Work readiness

- What is the evidence that accreditation produces 'work ready' registered health practitioners?
- How effective are the current systems associated with provisional registration in preparing recent graduates for general registration?

Workforce capacity and distribution

- How effective is the use of overseas-qualified health practitioners in improving issues of health workforce distribution and what is the effect on quality and levels of service?
- What are the prevalence and demographics of registered health practitioners who have completed cultural safety training?