



Aboriginal and Torres Strait  
Islander Health Practice  
Chinese Medicine  
Chiropractic  
Dental  
Medical  
Medical Radiation Practice  
Nursing and Midwifery  
Occupational Therapy  
Optometry  
Osteopathy  
Pharmacy  
Physiotherapy  
Podiatry  
Psychology

Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency

## Agency Management Committee Communiqué

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December 2017

The 93<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the [Agency Management Committee](#) was held on Tuesday 19 December 2017 at the Melbourne office. This Communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the Committee's meeting.

### Chair and members' report

Members noted the update provided by the Chair Mr Michael Gorton AM, including:

- Mr Gorton and Mr Fletcher attended a recent meeting of the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia

Members noted the unconfirmed FARM Committee minutes from 20 November 2017.

Members approved the Acceptable Payments Received Methods policy.

Members noted the Communiqué from the November reference group Review of Equity and Cost Allocation meeting.

Members endorsed the FARMC Annual Report for 2016-17 for distribution to National Boards followed by publication on the AHPRA website.

Dr Flynn noted that the Forum of NRAS Chairs has not met since the November meeting of the Agency Management Committee.

Dr Flynn advised members of the launch of the Professional Performance Framework by the Medical Board of Australia on Tuesday 28 November. The release of the framework has been well received, with the proposals for additional requirements in relation to older doctors in clinical practice receiving most comment.

### CEO Report

Members noted the CEO report and the verbal update from Mr Martin Fletcher, including:

- Queensland Health Ombudsman funding: Mr Fletcher had written to and met with the Director-General of Queensland Department of Health to discuss the reconciliation of funding provided to the Office of the Health Ombudsman (OHO) for 2016-17 and projections for FY2017-18, including the proposed treatment of tribunal costs.
- NSW Funding Model: noting the correspondence with the NSW Minister of Health in response to correspondence about the co-regulatory funding model.
- Health Profession Agreements: the 2017-18 schedules have all now been finalised for publication on the AHPRA website together with the previous head agreement.
- AHMAC meeting 8 December 2017 which included discussion of the final AHPRA update to Ministers for 2017 to the end of November.
- Ms Ayscough provided an update regarding the notifications dashboard including:
  - increase in the rate of new notifications which is 10% higher than the same time last year.
  - increased completion rate: which is 6% higher than at the same time last year
  - growth in number of open notifications which are 9.5% more than at the same time last year, although there has been a slowdown in the growth of open notifications
  - a team in Tasmania has been established to assist with fast track notifications.
- First meeting of the AHPRA People and Culture Committee on Tuesday 5 December 2017.

## **Business items**

In other business items, the Committee:

- Members noted the consolidated Agency Management Committee Skills and Competencies Matrix 2017/18 and considered what further action may be required, including implications for future recruitment of new Committee members (noting that this was a decision of the Ministerial Council).
- Members noted the approach to the review of the Performance Reporting Framework.
- Members noted the status of the Accreditation Systems Review (ASR) the final report of which has now been submitted to Ministers.
- Members noted the Agency Management Committee annual calendar.
- Members noted a report of a literature review on vexatious complaints and its planned distribution to National Boards and future publication.
- Members noted Dr Flynn's update regarding the National Training Survey (NTS) for medicine.

## **Next meeting of the Agency Management Committee**

- 20 February 2018, AHPRA National Office, Melbourne 10am – 2pm