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Physiotherapy
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Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency

Communiqué

October 2019 meeting of the Accreditation Advisory Committee

8 October 2019

The Accreditation Advisory Committee (AAC) was established by AHPRA's Agency Management Committee in early 2018 to provide oversight and leadership on accreditation governance, accountability and transparency issues, and a whole of Scheme perspective on AHPRA's management of contracts for the performance of the accreditation functions.

Due to several current accreditation projects reaching a critical point between August 2019 and November 2019 meetings, an additional AAC meeting was held on 8 October 2019. There is one further scheduled meeting in 2019. The AAC issues a Communiqué after each meeting to keep stakeholders informed about its work.

This Communiqué provides information about the AAC's eighth meeting, held by teleconference on 8 October 2019. The key focus of this meeting was the proposed initial reporting model for new accreditation agreements and terms of reference.

Reporting model for new accreditation agreements and terms of reference

Accreditation agreements and terms of reference that commenced in July require all accreditation authorities to report six-monthly against a template based on the same key performance indicators (KPIs) and key activity data to be agreed between the accreditation authorities, National Boards and AHPRA.

Members discussed a proposed initial reporting model and provided feedback on the draft templates that will collect consistent information and enable more comprehensive and comparable reports on accreditation across the National Scheme. The proposed reporting model and templates provide a basis for measuring and evaluating performance on issues relevant to all accreditation authorities.

The AAC is seeking feedback from National Boards and Accreditation Authorities on the proposed reporting model and templates and will consider the feedback in November before these documents progress to Agency Management Committee.

Other issues

The AAC noted updates on other accreditation issues including:

- establishing an AHPRA Education Provider Reference Group to enhance engagement between AHPRA and education providers
- the review of the *Procedures for development of accreditation standards* document
- publication of the new accreditation agreements and terms of reference, and
- the Accreditation Systems Review commissioned by COAG Health Council

Next meeting

The AAC's next scheduled meeting is on 12 November 2019.

More information

Queries regarding the work of the AAC may be directed to Ms Helen Townley, National Director, Policy and Accreditation on Helen.Townley@ahpra.gov.au or phone 03 8708 9111.

Membership

Gill Callister PSM (<i>Chair</i>)	Chair, Agency Management Committee
Dr Susan Young	Agency Management Committee
Dr Susan (Sue) Gould	Community member, Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia
Associate Professor Lynette Cusack	Chair, Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia
Adjunct Professor Karen Crawshaw PSM	Agency Management Committee
Emeritus Professor Christine Ewan AM	Independent expert

Invited experts

Dr Heather Buchan	Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care
Dr Karen Treloar	Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency
Mr Ian Bluntish	Co-convenor, Forum of NRAS Chairs, Interim Co-Chair Accreditation Liaison Group, Chair, Optometry Board of Australia
Professor Ian Wronski AO	University of Australia's Health Professions Education Standing Group