

1. The revised shared code includes high-level principles to provide more guidance to practitioners especially when specific issues are not addressed in the content of the code.

Are shorter, more concise principles that support the detail in the revised shared Code preferable or are longer, more comprehensive principles a better option? Why?

I like the principles as presented – it is good to have that overarching principle followed by a detailed explanation

2. In the revised shared code, the term 'patient' is used to refer to a person receiving healthcare and is defined as including patients, clients, consumers, families, carers, groups and/or communities'. This is proposed in order to improve readability of the code and to support consistency for the public.

Do you support the use of the term 'patient' as defined for the revised shared code or do you think another term should be used, for example 'client' or 'consumer'? Why or why not? I agree with the use of patient

3. The revised shared code includes amended and expanded content on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and cultural safety that uses the agreed definition of cultural safety for use within the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme. (Section 2 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and cultural safety).

Is this content on cultural safety clear? Yes Why or why not?

4. Sections 3.1 Respectful and culturally safe practice, 4.1 Partnership, 4.9 Professional boundaries and 5.3 Bullying and harassment include guidance about respectful professional practice and patient safety.

Does this content clearly set the expectation that practitioners must contribute to a culture of respect and safety for all? e.g. women, those with a disability, religious groups, ethnic groups etc. I support the inclusion of the section on Bullying and harassment , and respectful professional practice – it is a good addition

5. Statements about bullying and harassment have been included in the revised shared code (Section 5.3 Bullying and harassment).

Do these statements make the National Boards'/Ahpra's role clear? Why or why not?

In NSW we have had a number of complaints where the practitioner has felt bullied so it is good to have this guidance in the code of conduct.

6. The revised shared code explains the potential risks and issues of practitioners providing care to people with whom they have a close personal relationship (Section 4.8 Personal relationships).

Is this section clear? Yes , and very necessary. It stops short of saying you can't treat anyone with whom you have a close personal relationship under any circumstances , which I think is appropriate, but reiterates the need to explain the relationship, gain consent to treat, and always act in a professional manner, keeping accurate and appropriate records Why or why not?

7. **Is the language and structure of the revised shared code helpful, clear and relevant? Why or why not? Yes I do think it is clearer**

8. **The aim is that the revised shared code is clear, relevant and helpful. Do you have any comments on the content of the revised shared code? Standards of record keeping ? Do we need something more here on electronic records and the standards around the security of the records – if it is cloud based , is a back-up required, or is**

the cloud considered secure enough. What are the standards for paper based record keeping and backups ?

9. Do you have any other feedback about the revised shared code?

The National Boards are also interested in your views on the following specific questions:

10. Would the proposed changes to the revised shared Code result in any adverse cost implications for practitioners, patients/clients/consumers or other stakeholders? If yes, please describe. I don't believe so

11. Would the proposed changes to the revised shared Code result in any potential negative or unintended effects? If so, please describe them.

12. Would the proposed changes to the revised shared Code result in any potential negative or unintended effects for vulnerable members of the community? If so, please describe them.

13. Would the proposed changes to the revised shared Code result in any potential negative or unintended effects for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples? If so, please describe them.