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Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency

Q13.
Guidelines for mandatory notifications: public consultation

National Boards and the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) are seeking feedback about the revised *Guidelines for mandatory notifications*.

Please ensure you have read the [public consultation papers](#) before providing feedback as the questions are specific to the revised guidelines.

Q23.
Privacy

Your response will be anonymous unless you choose to provide your name and/or the name of your organisation.

Privacy notice

This consultation is being conducted by AHPRA and is hosted on a third-party website, provided by Qualtrics. The information collected will be used by AHPRA to evaluate the revised guidelines. The information will be handled in accordance with the privacy policies of AHPRA accessible [here](#) and Qualtrics [here](#).

Contact.
Contact details

We may contact you about your response.

Please write your name and contact details.

(Skip if you wish to be anonymous)

Q25.

Publication of responses

National Boards and AHPRA publish responses at their discretion. We generally publish responses on our websites to encourage discussion and inform the community and stakeholders.

We will not publish responses that contain offensive or defamatory comments or which are outside the scope of the consultation. Before publication, we may remove personally-identifying information, including contact details.

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You must let us know if you do **not** want us to publish your responses.

Published responses will include the names (if provided) of the individuals and/or the organisations that made the response.

Q24. Publication of responses

Please select the box below if you do **not** want your response to be published.

Please do **not** publish my response

Q15. About your response

Q23. Are you responding on behalf of an organisation?

- Yes
 No

Q24. Which of the following best describes your organisation?

- Health services provider
 Professional indemnity insurer
 Legal services provider
 Professional body (e.g. College or association)
 Education provider

Regulator

Government

Other

Q22. Please write the name of your organisation.

Q17.
Which of the following best describes you?

This question was not displayed to the respondent.

Q19.
Which of the following health profession/s are you registered in, in Australia?

You may select more than one answer

This question was not displayed to the respondent.

Q35.
Before you answer questions about the guidelines

Please ensure you have read the [public consultation papers](#) before providing feedback as the questions are specific to the revised guidelines for mandatory notifications.

The following questions will help us to gather feedback about the revised guidelines.

Q9.
How easy is it to find specific information in the revised guidelines?

Q10.
How relevant is the content of the revised guidelines?

Q12.
Please describe any content that needs to be changed or deleted in the revised guidelines.

The table "Types of risks and reporting thresholds for different groups" page 5 of the health practitioners guideline is difficult to follow. Hyperlinks within the table may assist. Or alternatively another summary format. It is also possible that the Table could be deleted without affecting content.

Q14.

Should some of the content be moved out of the revised guidelines to be published on the website instead?

- Yes
- No

Q40.

If yes, please describe what should be moved and your reasons why.

The National Law extracts could probably sit on the APHRA website. This may help ensure currency. The guidelines would only then have a link to the extracts. Any amendments to the National Law would mean only changes to the website link and not the guidelines.

Q22.

How helpful is the structure of the revised guidelines?

Very helpful

Q24. Do the revised guidelines clearly explain when a mandatory notification is required and when it is not?

- Yes
- No

Q31. Please explain your answer.

Yes. The descriptions of "what doesn't need to be reported", is clear and the principles on forming reasonable belief and examples are useful.

Q32. Are the flow charts and diagrams helpful?

- Yes
- No

Q15.

Please explain your answer.

The flow charts are very useful and clear, but they are perhaps repeated more than necessary. For example, in the guidelines for health practitioners the flow charts and table displaying factors to help assess risk of harm are repeated for each impairment, yet the considerations are the same. Perhaps these could be consolidated into one section within each guideline that is within section 3,4, and 5 such that there is one flow chart and one table of risk assessment.

Q33. Are the risk factor consideration charts helpful?

- Yes
- No

Q34.
Please explain your answer.

Refer to Item 7, the same applies for the risk factor charts.

Q29.
Are the examples in the revised guidelines helpful?

- Yes
- No

Q36.
Please explain your answer.

Q16. Should there be separate guidelines for mandatory notifications about students or should the information be included in guidelines about practitioners and students (but as a separate section)?

- Separate **guidelines** about students
- Separate **section** about students

Q39.
Please explain your answer.

It would be useful to have one guideline on mandatory notifications with a separate section for students. However, the current format and presentation of the two separate guidelines is also appealing and satisfactory.

Q30.

The revised guidelines explain that it is not an offence to fail to make a mandatory notification when required, but a National Board may take disciplinary action in this situation.

Is this made clear in the revised guidelines?

Yes

No

Q37.

Please explain your answer.

Q27.

Is there anything that needs to be added to the revised guidelines?

Q17. It is proposed that the guidelines will be reviewed every five years, or earlier if required.

Is this reasonable?

Yes

No

Q38.

Please explain your answer.

Q24.

Please describe anything else the National Boards should consider in the review of the guidelines.

Q31.

Please add any other comments or suggestions for the revised guidelines.

Q27.

Thank you!

Thank you for participating in the consultation.

Your answers will be used by the National Boards and AHPRA to improve the *Guidelines for mandatory notifications*.