

HealthConnect Business Architecture

I am writing in response to your call for comments on the draft HealthConnect Business Architecture document. Although the call for comments was widely distributed, the National Community Services Information Management Group (NCSIMG) was not sent a copy.

NCSIMG has an equivalent role in respect of nationally-consistent community services information as the National Health Information Management Group has in respect of health information. For the purposes of management of the National Community Services Information Agreement, community services is defined as:

- Aged care (including residential and community care)
- Disability services
- Child care (including preschools)
- Family support services
- Child welfare (including juvenile justice)
- Supported accommodation assistance; and
- Emergency relief and crisis services.

Margaret Fisher, NCSIMG Secretary, attended the information session you hosted in Canberra. It was apparent from discussion at the information session that while the scope of health information to be included in the early stages of the HealthConnect initiative is necessarily limited, there is potential for future inclusion of matters covered by the National Community Services Information Agreement. For this reason, I urge you to include the National Community Services Information Management Group on your list of contacts for the HealthConnect project.

The NCSIMG at this stage has no further specific comments to make on the draft HealthConnect Business Architecture document.

Yours sincerely