

**National Nursing and Midwifery  
Education Advisory Network Meeting  
Communiqué  
March 2017**

The National Nursing and Midwifery Education Advisory Network (NNMEAN) met on 7 March 2017 in Canberra.

Members endorsed the NNMEAN Work Plan.

Members were presented with a summary of a research project jointly undertaken by the Australian Private Hospitals Association and Catholic Health Australia on the contribution of the private hospital sector to clinical traineeships, graduate programs and the training of the nursing workforce.

The NNMEAN discussed the role of enrolled nurses in the current health care environment and agreed to further explore a number of issues.

Adjunct Associate Professor Kim Ryan, Chair, Mental Health Working Group (MHWG), briefed members on the inaugural MHWG meeting. The MHWG will provide advice to the NNMEAN on the education of nurses and midwives to deliver mental health services across the career continuum in all care settings.

Members were provided with an update on nursing and midwifery data, and progress on the development of the *Australia's Future Health Workforce – Midwives* report.

The next meeting of NNMEAN will be held in June 2017.