



National Nursing Workforce Strategy

Strategy Advisory Group

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The first meeting of the National Nursing Workforce Strategy Advisory Group (SAG) was held on 8 June 2023. The SAG has been established to enable key nursing and midwifery experts to provide advice on development of the National Nursing Workforce Strategy (Strategy), from a national perspective. The SAG will report to the Strategy Steering Committee (SSC).

The Strategy will create a national strategic approach to nursing policy and will consider a wide range of issues impacting the nursing workforce. The Strategy will identify and address national priorities and provide for nurses to work to their full scope of practice, to address Australia's health and aged care needs.

The Strategy will be developed in two stages over an 18–24-month period. Stage One will develop the evidence base for the Strategy through environmental scans, public consultation and a supply and demand study. Stage Two will take this evidence base and develop the draft Strategy and actions. The draft Strategy will be released for public consultation before finalising.

The first SAG meeting focussed on the Department of Health and Aged Care's plans for the development of the Strategy including the overall process and initial stakeholder engagement and consultation plans. Member's feedback was positive. The broader work related to the nursing workforce at the Commonwealth level was also discussed with members.

Comprehensive consultation will inform development of the Strategy. Public consultation has not yet commenced, however will be conducted via the Department's [consultation hub](#) and a range of other means such as meetings, workshops and focus groups. Stakeholders are encouraged to receive updates on development via the Strategy [website](#) or by signing up to the Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer [newsletter](#).