



# Nurse Practitioner Workforce Plan

## Implementation Advisory Group

### Meeting Communique 12 December 2023

The first meeting of the Nurse Practitioner Workforce Plan Implementation Advisory Group (IAG) was held on 12 December 2023.

The IAG has been established to advise the Department during implementation of the Nurse Practitioner Workforce Plan (Plan), facilitate collaboration between government and non-government stakeholders on implementation progress during the 10-year timeframe of the Plan and advise of synergies and linkages with other health reforms.

The Plan, released on 16 May 2023, aims to enhance the accessibility and delivery of person-centred care for all Australians through a well-distributed, culturally safe nurse practitioner workforce. The Plan highlights the significant opportunity to increase utilisation of nurse practitioners to meet consumer needs. It details how to remove the barriers currently facing the workforce and build the nurse practitioner workforce, while increasing access to care for all Australian communities.

The first IAG meeting focussed on current activities underway and next steps for progression of actions under the Plan particularly in relation to the short-term goals over the first 1-3 years. Member's feedback was positive. The influence of the [Strengthening Medicare Taskforce Report](#) and subsequent Strengthening Medicare Budget measure relating to the broader work of nurse practitioners was also discussed with members.

Members noted implementation of many of the actions in the Plan has commenced and discussed priorities for further implementation. Members discussed the positivity surrounding the Plan and that nurse practitioners are being considered and included more as a result.

The next IAG meeting will take place April/May 2024, where the committee will consider future key priorities for progression of the Plan.