

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Services Data Advisory Group Communique November 2023

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Services Data Advisory Group (HS DAG) Communique keeps Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health care services up to date about outcomes regarding the National Key Performance Indicator (nKPI) and Online Services Report (OSR) data collections. This Communique also provides information about the work of the Group more broadly regarding First Nations health data. This Communique provides updates on the 8 November 2023 meeting. Previous Communiques can be found on the [HS DAG website](#). Ms Tammie Staltari has replaced Ms Melinda Turner as the department's First Nations Health Division (FNHD) HS DAG co-chair.

If you would like to submit an item for consideration by the HS DAG, please send your submission using a [submission template](#) to the HS DAG Secretariat at: hs.data.advisory.group@health.gov.au. All submissions will be reviewed for inclusion by the co-chairs for appropriateness.

Outcomes of 8 November 2023 meeting

Updates to the Health Data Portal

The department's Health Data Portal (HDP) has been used to collect national Key Performance Indicator (nKPI) and Online Services Report (OSR) data since 2019. Recently, the Primary Health Care Activity Work Plan (AWP) and Performance Report (PR) have been developed in the HDP. The first AWP collection began in July 2023. The second PR collection began in September 2023.

Development of the Tackling Indigenous Smoking Performance Report (TIS PR) in the HDP is nearly complete. The first digital collection of the TIS PR will occur in January 2024, after which it will be collected every 6 months. No changes will be made to the content of the report in the first iteration in the HDP.

No major changes will be made to the OSR until the release of NACCHO's Core Services and Outcomes Framework.

For the July 2023 reporting round, all (100%) of the nKPI-reporting organisations, and almost all (99.6%) of the OSR-reporting organisations submitted their data to the AIHW.

National Key Performance (nKPI) Updates

The Group noted the current LOINC code issues with PI25 (sexual health indicator) and discussed plans to publish the data on the indicator.

Indicator PI26 (Ear Health) is expected to be rolled out for the July 2024 reporting round.

A potential COVID-19 vaccination nKPI was discussed by the Group. Further information, based on agreed criteria for new indicators, is required to inform the HS DAG decision to include a new nKPI to the collection and appropriate indicator development.

Core Services and Outcomes Framework (CSOF) Update

An update on the progress of the NACCHO CSOF was provided to the Group. See <https://csof.naccho.org.au/> for more information.

Health Data Portal Benefits Framework

The FNHD engaged KPMG to 1) identify and quantify the possible direct and indirect benefits relating to the development and use of the HDP and the Qlik reporting since 2019 and 2) provide the FNHD with a tool to objectively evaluate potential candidate reports for incorporation into the HDP in terms of a whole range of potential benefits. The Group were informed of the key findings from the KPMG benefits framework.

Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) Risk Guidelines

There is a desire to keep the CVD risk indicator, as it is unanimously agreed upon as an important measure; however, the current CVD risk indicator is no longer fit for purpose following the publication of new Australian CVD risk guidelines in 2023. PI21 will be collected for the next reporting rounds but will not be reported at the national level. The clinical and technical working group will reconvene to revisit the CVD indicators once the updated CVD Risk guidelines are satisfactorily incorporated into the relevant clinical information systems.

Mental Health Data

The Group noted and discussed the current projects being conducted by the department's Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Division relevant to First Nations Health outcomes.

Next meeting

The next HS DAG meeting is scheduled for May/June 2024.