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Nurse Practitioner Workforce Plan Implementation Advisory Group

Meeting Communique 17 October 2024

The third meeting of the Nurse Practitioner Workforce Plan (Plan) Implementation Advisory Group (IAG) was held on Thursday 17 October 2024.

Members participated in a workshop led by KPMG, the consultants engaged by the Department to develop a Monitoring and Evaluation Framework to support implementation of the Plan. During the session KPMG led members through a recap on work to date, consultation insights and an overview of the program logic model. Members then discussed the indicators and key evaluation questions in more detail.

Members were interested to hear of the digital health work underway both within the Department and in the Australian Digital Health Agency. Members noted the shift toward a model of patient centred care that would enable a person's health information to follow their healthcare journey. Members discussed the current barriers faced by nurse practitioners (NP) in working effectively and the important benefits future changes to health data information would bring including patient empowerment and improved patient safety.

Members discussed the progression of activities against actions within the Plan and considered a draft communications awareness action plan to develop a greater understanding of the scope and capability of NPs, and a greater awareness of the benefits NPs can bring to both consumers and to health care teams.

Members noted the significance of the upcoming legislation to remove collaborative arrangements that will come into effect on 1 November 2024.

The next IAG meeting will take place February 2025.