

# Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Services Data Advisory Group Communique May 2025

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 provides updates on the 15 May 2025 HS DAG meeting. Previous Communiques can be found on the [HS DAG website](#).

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

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## Outcomes of 15 May 2025 meeting

### Updates to the Health Data Portal

The department's Health Data Portal has been used to collect nKPI and OSR data since 2019. HS DAG were informed of clinical information system data collection issues and new and future enhancements to the Health Data Portal. Enhancements include:

- Addition of previous submission reference text into the current activity work plan and performance reports
- Streamlining the activity work plan form where certain sections are hidden when certain other selections are made
- Creation of an offline Word version of the OSR and nKPI
- Addition of new features to streamline workforce cross tab validations.
- Review of workforce categories

### January nKPI reporting round

An update was provided to HS DAG regarding the nKPI reporting period that opened on 1 January 2025. The nKPI round was finalised on 8 April 2025. Of the health services required to report nKPI and OSR data, 100% submitted these reports. Results from the December 2024 nKPI were released on 11 June 2025 to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare online report.

### Updates to the nKPIs

The chronic disease management plans indicator (PI07) was discussed as the current *GP Management Plan* and *Team Care Arrangements* Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) items will be replaced from 1 July 2025, with a single *GP Chronic Condition Management Plan*. HSDAG noted that changes will need to be made to this indicator in line with MBS changes.

The kidney function test result (PI19) was discussed to align with Kidney Health Australia's *Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) Management in Primary Care Handbook 5<sup>th</sup> Edition*. HS DAG noted that changes will need to be made to this indicator in line with the guidelines.

The sexual health indicator (PI25) has been included in the December 2024 reporting round. HSDAG discussed the improvements in data quality for PI25 and noted some underpinning issues in data collection.

The ear health indicator (PI26) has been in pilot since July 2024. Progress is being made with clinical information system vendors but there are still issues in measuring PI26.

### [New 715 Health Check app](#)

HS DAG were informed of a beta version of the Health Check SMART (Substitutable Medical Applications and Reusable Technologies) on FHIR (Fast Health Interoperability Resources) app developed by CSIRO to demonstrate how adopting foundational data standards can enhance patient information utility and improve the efficiency of the health assessment process. The work to date has been undertaken in close collaboration with the NACCHO and RACGP partnership and in consultation with clinical information system vendors. The app is currently undergoing a small-scale proof of concept exercise.

### [Artificial Intelligence](#)

HS DAG were informed of the current use of AI in the healthcare sector and the emergence of guidance and a whole of economy approach to AI in Australia. HS DAG members provided input into the interplay between indigenous data sovereignty and AI.

### [Project redesign of First Nations Mental Health Study](#)

HS DAG were informed of and discussed the next steps for the First Nations Mental Health Study. HS DAG members provided feedback to the interim governance arrangements for the project.

### [Next meeting](#)

The next HS DAG meeting is planned for October 2025.