## Health Technology Assessment Review Implementation Advisory Group

## Communique - 11 September Meeting

## Meeting 8

- The IAG met for its eighth meeting on 11 September 2025. This meeting was a full-day face-to-face meeting held at the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing's offices in Canberra.
- Members acknowledged the publication of their <u>Interim report</u> and the Australian Government's announcement of immediate actions. Access the media release from the Hon Mark Butler MP, Minister for Health and Ageing and Minister for Disability and the NDIS <u>here</u>.
- Members considered a draft visualisation of the implementation roadmap aligned to the five focus areas outlined in the Interim report.
  - 1. Improved access and equity
  - 2. Greater Transparency and Engagement
  - 3. Modernised assessment pathways
  - 4. Better data use and enhanced evidence
  - 5. HTA workforce capacity and capability
- Members agreed a workplan for the remainder of the year and to having two virtual meetings in October.
- The Chair provided an overview of consultations with a range of stakeholders that were held since the last IAG meeting including:
  - o Generic and Biosimilar Medicines Association (GBMA)
  - Australian Antimicrobial Resistance Network (AAMRNet)
  - Medical Technology Association of Australia (MTAA)
  - Australia Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW)
  - Health Technology and Genomics Collaboration (HTGC)
  - Royal College of Pathologists Australasia (RCPA)
  - National Health, Sustainability and Climate Unit (NHSCU)
  - The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP).
- Members from the Bridging Funding Coalition presented to the IAG and had an open conversation with members about the potential options for implementation of a bridging fund consistent with recommendations of the HTA Review recommendation.
- The next meeting will be virtual, taking place on 2 October 2025.