

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Services Data Advisory Group Communique October 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 16 October 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. All submissions will be reviewed for inclusion by the co-chairs for appropriateness.

Outcomes of 16 October 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 the July 2025 nKPI and OSR reporting round challenges and future enhancements to the Health Data Portal.

Challenges included:

- Health Data Portal technical issues
- nKPI: too many validation flags for PI26
- nKPI: Medical Director undercounts for PI05/06 and PI18/19
- OSR: Various clinical information system issues leading to undercounts in Episodes of Care, Client Contacts and Client Numbers
- OSR: Several services changing clinical information systems

Enhancements include:

- Review of organisation type
- Creation of an offline Word version of the OSR and nKPI
- Review of catchment areas
- Review of workforce categories

July nKPI and OSR reporting round

An update was provided to HS DAG regarding the nKPI and OSR reporting period that opened on 1 July 2025. The nKPI round was finalised on 22 September 2025 and the OSR round on 15 October 2025. Of the health services required to report nKPI and OSR data, 100% submitted these reports. Results from the June 2025 and 2024-2025 OSR collections are due to be released on 22 January 2026 to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare online report.

Updates to the nKPIs

HS DAG provided out-of-session approval to proceed with revisions to the chronic disease management plans indicator (PI07) to align with MBS changes for a single *GP Chronic Condition Management Plan*. It was noted that activities are underway to deliver the indicator change for the January 2026 reporting round.

HS DAG provided note the out-of-session approval to proceed with the agreed revisions to the kidney function test result (PI19) to align with the *Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) Management in Primary Care Handbook 5th Edition* guidelines. It was noted that activities are underway to deliver the indicator change for the January 2026 reporting round.

The sexual health indicator (PI25) has been included since the December 2024 reporting round. HS DAG discussed the improvements in data quality for PI25 and noted the clinical information systems enhancements to improve data quality.

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. HS DAG members agreed to move PI26 out of pilot for the July 2026 reporting round.

Provider Connect Australia

HS DAG were informed of Provider Connect Australia (PCA) which could be used to improve data accuracy and reduce reporting burden through automation in place of the current Health Care Practitioner (HCP) report. PCA is a platform that streamlines provider information sharing across systems enabling single-entry data updates through verified and trusted sources and supports integration via APIs and national standards. Benefits include reduced duplication, time savings and improved interoperability.

Five yearly nKPI and OSR review

HS DAG provided input into the five yearly nKPI and OSR review. HS DAG members discussed the current nKPI and OSR data collections, identified opportunities for improvement and highlighted gaps and challenges in reporting and data collection.

Next meeting

The next HS DAG meeting is planned for April/May 2026.