



Nurse Practitioner Workforce Plan Implementation Advisory Group

Meeting Communique November 2025

The sixth meeting of the Nurse Practitioner Workforce Plan (Plan) Implementation Advisory Group (IAG) was held on Friday 28 November 2025.

Members discussed the departments' strategic placemat, designated registered nurse prescribing, work underway against actions in the Plan, baseline study and communication materials.

Members noted that the Registration Standard: Endorsement for Scheduled Medicines – Designated Registered Nurse Prescriber was published on September 30, 2025. There has been considerable interest in designated registered nurse prescribers (DRNPs). Almost all media has been positive and there has been strong stakeholder support for DRNPs.

Members highlighted the importance of developing communication materials aimed at helping consumers better understand the role and scope of nurse practitioners. Additionally, members discussed the importance of communicating the distinction between DRNPs and nurse practitioners to the public.

Members were interested to hear about the Nurse Re-entry Program which will support up to 500 previously registered enrolled nurses, registered nurses and nurse practitioners back to the nursing workforce. Administered nationally by Nepean Blue Mountains PHN, the program offers tailored support to transition or expand in primary health care roles. The program also supports general practices to build their capability by hosting nurses in supervised placements. Eligibility and application guidelines are available on the [Nepean Blue Mountains PHN website](#).

The next IAG will take place in early 2026.