



Aged Care – supporting Workforce Industry Council reforms

The Australian Government will support older Australians to access quality aged care services by supporting the Aged Care Workforce Industry Council to lead the implementation of the Aged Care Workforce Strategy, A Matter of Care, with an investment of \$10.3 million.

The Government is committed to working with the Industry Council to drive workforce reforms recommended in the Strategy. A well trained and capable workforce is key to delivering quality care. Implementation of the workforce strategy will provide the platform for the Government to act quickly in response to recommendations from the Royal Commission.

This \$10.3 million measure builds on the initial \$2.6 million investment provided in 2019–20 to establish the Aged Care Workforce Industry Council and to commence the implementation of the Strategy.

Implementation of the Strategy is also supported by the selection of Flinders University to commence the development of the model for the Aged Care Centre for Growth and Translational Research (CGTR). This is an additional \$34 million commitment designed to support workforce capability and innovation in service delivery with operation of the CGTR due to commence from early 2021.

Why is this important?

Older Australians deserve a skilled and responsive workforce – one which is able to deliver quality and safe aged care services to meet changing resident needs. The aged care workforce needs a responsive training system that builds the right skills to deliver this care and strong leadership that provides for career pathways and improved job satisfaction into the future.

Who will benefit?

People receiving aged care services will benefit from the improved capability and capacity of the aged care workforce to provide high quality care. Aged care providers will benefit from having a skilled, engaged workforce that meets the needs and expectations of care recipients. Workers will benefit from extra training and job opportunities.

How much will this cost?

This will cost \$10.3 million from 2020–21 to 2022–23.