

Respite Care and AN-ACC

- The Department outlined the proposal to align assessments for respite funding with the AN-ACC model. The new funding model recognises the additional costs associated with short term care.
- Members agreed that the proposed model represents an improvement to the current respite funding system. Members sought clarification about the proposed model, particularly in relation to the funding of care for dementia and behavioural issues which were addressed in the meeting.

AN-ACC Trial Update

- The Department gave an overview of the key findings of the AN-ACC Trial which commenced in November 2019 and ceased in late March/April due to the COVID-19 outbreak.
- Members discussed the qualifications of the assessment workforce and their impact on broader workforce planning, re-assessment, consultation with assessors following the trial and the inter-rater reliability of the assessment tool.

AN-ACC Shadow Assessment

- The Department outlined the AN-ACC ‘shadow assessment’ process commencing March 2021.
- Members discussed quality assurance, the tender process, qualifications of the assessment workforce and access to training.

ACFR Data

- The Department outlined the proposal to improve the Aged Care Financial Report (ACFR) and implications for the rollout of AN-ACC.
- Grant Corderoy, Senior Partner at StewartBrown, presented on key ACFR changes.
- Members agreed it would be useful to present this information to Chief Finance Officers (CFOs). Attendees discussed the attribution of costs to individual facilities by larger providers and My Aged Care portal security for financial reporting.

Palliative Care

- The Department gave an overview of the proposed AN-ACC Class 1 ‘Admit for palliative care’ including eligibility criteria for entry to this class.
- Members suggested that consideration be given to better integrating the criteria with GP practices.

IT System

- The Department advised the current residential aged care payment system (SPARC) is at end-of-life.
- Services Australia outlined the plan to replace SPARC with new technological capability that will flexibly support aged care reforms.
- Attendees discussed the need to make information more accessible and work with software providers to implement system changes.