



National Medical Workforce Strategy

2021–2031



Investing in our medical workforce to meet Australia's health needs

Medical Workforce Reform Advisory Committee

Communique – 16 June 2022

Members of the Medical Workforce Reform Advisory Committee (MWRAC) met face-to-face and via videoconference in Canberra on Thursday 16 June 2022.

MWRAC Co-Chair Ms Shakespeare provided some initial context on the federal government's priorities in relation to the medical workforce. Associate Professor Wearne gave an update on the National Medical Workforce Strategy Steering Committee (NMWSSC), the Service Registrar Working Group (SRWG) and communications planning for the National Medical Workforce Strategy (NMWS).

Members discussed proposed governance arrangements for the NMWS which have been developed in consultation with the NMWSSC. The proposed governance arrangements included a framework to support the implementation of NMWS actions and options for the structure of governance committees. MWRAC Members provided their feedback on the governance arrangements and options presented. This feedback will be taken into consideration when determining the final make up of the governance arrangements. Members also discussed the development of a roadmap to support communication with stakeholders and the public on the implementation of the NMWS.

Members also received updates from the department on the development of data models and data sharing to inform medical workforce planning and NMWS implementation, and the Stronger Rural Health Strategy evaluation. The Department of Health presented to members on the Health Demand and Supply Utilisation Patterns Planning (HeaDS UPP) Tool, which utilises health workforce and services data to inform workforce planning and analysis. Members discussed the value of access to data, and data sharing to support understanding and addressing medical workforce issues.

The next MWRAC meeting will be held on 22 September 2022.

