



Health Workforce Australia

Health Professionals Prescribing Pathway Project

Coalition of National Nursing Organisations

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Today's Presentation

- What is the HPPP project
- The HPPP project approach
- How the HPPP project is engaging with the Nursing profession.
- General discussion

Project Context

- HWA established by COAG to be lead national health workforce agency
- 4 Key Work Streams
 - Information, Analysis and Planning
 - Clinical Education and Training
 - Workforce Innovation and Reform (WIR)
 - International Health Professional Recruitment
- HPPP Project is part of the WIR stream

WIR Context

- *National Health Workforce Innovation and Reform Strategic Framework 2011-2015*
- HPPP is part of the delivery of Domain One of the Framework (*Health Workforce Reform for More Effective, Efficient and Accessible Service Delivery*)

Definition of Prescribing

“An iterative process involving the steps of information gathering, clinical decision making, communication and evaluation which results in the initiation, continuation or cessation of a medicine”.

Background to the HPPP project

- National Health Workforce Practice and Research Collaboration Report - now published on the Australian Health Workforce Online website (*www.awho.gov.au*)
- Ongoing work transferred from National Health Workforce Taskforce to HWA
- HWA commencing HPPP project

Project Objective

To develop a nationally consistent approach to prescribing by health professionals other than medical practitioners that supports safe practice, quality use of medicines and effectiveness of health care services.

Desired Outcomes of Project

- A national approach to prescribing that covers important concepts such as prescribing models, competency attainment, registration / endorsement, safety, quality and practice issues.
- National Implementation Plan

Project Exclusions

- Prescribing of treatment approaches other than medicines.
- Health professions not covered by the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme
- Reviewing of State and Territory regulation of prescribing
- Development of prescribing competencies
- Access to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme

Related Prescribing Projects / Work

- *NPS Better choices Better health: National Prescribing Competency Framework*
- Australian Safety and Quality Commission in Healthcare: Medication Safety Program
- Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record Project
- Jurisdictional projects

Project Governance – Advisory Roles

- Project Advisory Group – includes representatives from the Nursing profession
- Clinical Advisors – includes a Nurse Practitioner
- HWA Standing Advisory Committees – cover Health Professions, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, NGO and Private Sector and the Education Sector

HPPP Project Phases

- Phase One – Situational Analysis
 - Consultation Paper 1 for feedback
 - Key Informant Interviews
 - Consumer Narrative Survey
- Expected Outcome – Key Concepts and Issues to design the Pathway
- Likely Completion – July 2012

HPPP Project Phases *(cont)*

- Phase Two – Draft National HPPP
 - Engagement of SME / key stakeholders
 - Consultation on key approach issues
- Expected Outcome – Draft Pathway
- Expected Completion – November 2012

HPPP Project Phases *(cont)*

- Phase 3 – Test and finalise the approach for implementation
 - Consultation Paper 2 for feedback
 - Assessment of readiness for uptake
- Outcome – Pathway + Implementation Plan
- Expected completion – May 2013

Consultation Paper 1- Released 17 April

- Key topics –
 - Need for a national pathway
 - Potential prescribing models
 - Registration and accreditation issues
 - Safety and quality
 - Education
 - Design and implementation issues

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Consumer Narrative Survey

- Designed to seek consumer experiences and attitudes to prescribing
- Narrative approach on experiences and scenarios

Key Interviews

- Expands on similar issues to consultation paper
- Particular emphasis on professional associations and groups

Key Stakeholder Groups

- Consumers
- Health professionals and associations
- Jurisdictions
- National Boards + AHPRA
- Education sector
- Accrediting bodies

Key Engagement Strategies

- Meetings with Key Stakeholders
- Opportunities for broad feedback eg consumer survey
- Targeted workshops
- HWA Communications eg Pulse Check
- Web information

Questions and Discussion

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