

STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY GROUP

Inter-Governmental Policy Reform Group (IGPRG) Sub-Committee

Communique – Meeting 02

3 April 2025

Background

Inter-Governmental Policy Reform Group (IGPRG)

In 2023 all Australian Health Ministers agreed to the establishment of an enduring [Inter-Governmental Policy Reform Group](#) (IGPRG), which will provide policy and operational oversight of key national health and medical research reforms. The IGPRG is responsible for delivering the broader policy program including the National One Stop Shop, implementation of the National Clinical Trials Governance Framework and the development of quality standards and an accreditation scheme for Human Research Ethics Committees.

IGPRG Sub-Committees

As part of its approved arrangements and structures, sub-committees support the IGPRG and its functions. Some Advisory Groups will focus on seeking views, perspectives and input from external and industry stakeholders, and cross-jurisdictional working groups will undertake operational activities and provide technical advice to IGPRG in support of its initiatives and reform agenda.

National One Stop Shop for health and medical research

The National One Stop Shop (NOSS) will streamline health and medical research through a single, national approvals and data system for clinical trials. This will make it easier for patients, researchers and sponsors to find, conduct and participate in clinical trials and research in Australia.

Update

The second meeting of the Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) was held on 3 April 2025. The SAG is a sub-committee of the IGPRG. The SAG is chaired by Professor Walter Abhayaratna.

Guests from the Department of Health and Aged Care provided an overview of the [National Health and Medical Research Strategy](#) and findings from the [workforce audit](#) that will inform the national strategy. SAG members were invited to discuss the future workforce for clinical trials research.

SAG members were then invited to discuss progress on IGPRG's national reform program:

- Members discussed opportunities for strategic communications and engagement, and any additional products needed to assist them to champion the national reform agenda. Members provided input into the IGPRG Communications Strategy and feedback on recent communication products including:
 - The new [National One Stop Shop webpage](#)
 - The promotion of 'What is a clinical trial?' highlight reels for participants and trial researchers on the [Australian Clinical Trials](#) website
 - The [recent IGPRG newsletter](#) and instructions on [how to subscribe](#).
- Members were provided an overview of the approach to the review of the National Standard Operating Procedures for Clinical Trials in Australia and how this will inform further recommendations for change to help drive national consistency
- An update on the [National One Stop Shop](#) was provided and the outcomes of the Discovery phase consultation in 2024 were presented. Members then discussed the subsequent Pre-Delivery Design phase and the wave workshops which start in April 2025 to gain feedback from representatives across the sector to review the system's functions and to refine workflows and processes.

The next SAG meeting is 3 July 2025.