

## Policy Chapters

### FAQS Sheet

#### What is the aim?

The Australian College of Nursing has established Policy Chapters in recognition of the constantly changing landscape of the provision of patient care and services within the Australian Healthcare System. The aim is to provide opportunities for leaders and experts to inform change and guide future directions through collaboration.

It is the intent of the Australian College of Nursing to establish Policy Chapters for specialised areas. Each Policy Chapter will then focus on specific matters and draw on the specialised skills and expertise of members of the Australian College of Nursing and external stakeholders.

#### What is the purpose?

The purpose of the Policy Chapters is to:

- maintain professional dialogue and information exchange
- define and monitor issues and challenges within the specialised areas of the Policy Chapter
- engage internal and external key stakeholders
- utilize the knowledge and skills of experts and leaders to:
  - analyse issues and challenges within the specialised area
  - identify strategies and opportunities for resolution and improvement
  - inform change by, but not limited to:
    - a. developing best practice guidelines for implementing safe, effective and efficient care
    - b. proposing policy
    - c. identifying ways to improve the use of existing capacity within the specialised areas

#### What is the scope?

The Policy Chapters will have influencing capability to shape the future of the specialised area of the Policy Chapter, specifically concentrating on best practice to ensure optimal patient outcomes and the provision of an effective and efficient healthcare service.

The Policy Chapter will provide advice and guidance to the Chief Executive Officer and the Board of The Australian College of Nursing on:

- strategies to resolve and advance the recommendations and outcomes of their Policy Chapter.
- future risk mitigation or incident avoidance strategies

## How do they work?

Each Policy Chapter will hold multiple events throughout the year. The events will be specific to the priorities of the Policy Chapter and may consist of forums, workshops and projects.

## Who are the membership?

The Policy Chapter will be underpinned by a strategic leadership team consisting of a Chair, Deputy Chair and Secretariat. This team will determine the priorities to be considered by the extended Policy Chapter. The strategic leadership team will be appointed by the Australian College of Nursing.

The extended Policy Chapter will include clinical and subject matter experts and leaders from within the Australian College of Nursing membership and external stakeholders. Participation in a Policy Chapter will be by response to an Expression of Interest. The exception being where a specific expert's contribution is sought. An invitation to participate will be extended to such experts. The number of extended Policy Chapter members is not limited.

## How much time is involved?

The strategic leadership team will meet 4 times per year.

The extended Policy Chapter membership, which includes the strategic leadership team, will meet several times per year. The number of meetings is dependent on the event and number of events participants have volunteered to support.

Other than participation in meetings, some pre-reading, and providing feedback and ongoing commentary, all of the administrative functions of the Policy Chapter is the responsibility of the Secretariat.