

Advisory Group Overview

Health Information Sharing Legislative Reform

Purpose

The Health Information Sharing Legislative Reform Advisory Group will be responsible for providing strategic advice to the Victorian Government and the Department of Health and Human Services on clinical information sharing reform options, through the Department of Health and Human Services Executive Board. The group will provide constructive advice to the department as it forms its policy position whilst also supporting department as it engages with various stakeholders on the nature, scope, scale and impact of the proposed legislative reform options.

Responsibilities

The Advisory Group's responsibilities are to:

- Provide constructive advice, leadership and debate key issues on the department's proposed reforms, from the perspectives of legal, operational, clinical, and patient experience
- Assist the department to consult within and across the Victorian health sector, including advising on consultation approach, and reviewing consultation materials
- Where necessary, engage with relevant individuals and organisations to gain an understanding of the impact of the proposed legislative reforms, and use insights to inform feedback
- Support communication of legislative changes within the Victorian public health sector and with patients and their advocates

Authority

Within the scope of its responsibilities, the Advisory Group has the authority to:

- Seek any information it requires from departmental staff members
- Have access to all records and documents necessary to carry out its responsibilities

Membership

Term

June 2020 until July 2021. Term may be extended by negotiation.

Conflicts and Confidentiality

Conflict of interest

Members are responsible for declaring a conflict of interest in relation to any item discussed at the meetings that will impact on their ability to provide impartial advice.

Each member will be required to sign a Declaration of Conflict Interests form on joining the group. At the beginning of each meeting, the Chair will ask members to declare any real or potential conflicts of interest.

Confidentiality

In some instances, members may be privy to information that is confidential and not in the public domain. Members will not reveal any confidential or proprietary information entrusted in the course of their duties. Upon cessation of membership, and thereafter, the member shall not reveal any confidential or proprietary information, which they obtained while a member of the advisory group, and may not use, retain or attempt to use or retain, any such information, documents or data.

Each member will be required to sign a deed of confidentiality on joining the group.

Members

A full list of members is provided below. Membership is drawn from individuals with experience relevant to Victorian health services, with members having expertise in one or more of the following areas:

- Legal and regulatory
- Health sector operating model / service provision
- Clinical experience
- Patient advocacy

Chair

- Michael Gorton, Chair, Alfred Health and Principal, Russell Kennedy Lawyers

Members

- Professor George Braitberg, Executive Director Strategy, Quality and Improvement, Melbourne Health
- Professor Harvey Newnham, Director of General Medicine, Alfred Health and board member, Better Care Victoria
- Dr Jill Tomlinson, Surgeon and Chair, DHHS Clinical Informatics Advisory Group
- Louise McKinlay, Director Centre of Patient Safety and Experience, Safer Care Victoria
- Neville Board, Chief Digital Health Officer, Department of Health and Human Services
- Nicole McCartney, Chief Aboriginal Health Adviser, Department of Health and Human Services
- Ryan Heath, Director, Commissioning, Performance & Regulation, Department of Health and Human Services
- Sean Morris, Director, Legal Services Unit, Department of Health and Human Services
- Sophy Athan, Chair, Health Issues Centre