

National Medical Training Advisory Network

Executive Committee Meeting Communique Friday 17 February 2017

The National Medical Training Advisory Network (NMTAN) Executive Committee met on 17 February 2017 in Melbourne.

This was the first meeting under the new Chair, the Commonwealth Chief Medical Officer, Professor Brendan Murphy.

Members engaged in a wide-ranging discussion on medical workforce issues and the need for reforms to medical training to cope with emerging pressures.

The outcome of this strategic planning session will be a workplan that prioritises:

- Analysis and advice related to the volume of medical practitioners;
- Continuing to improve the evidence-base from which the committee can provide advice;
- Analysis and advice related to the distribution of the medical workforce;
- Advice on the culture of training;
- Advice on ways of improving diversity in the medical workforce; and
- Analysis of the alignment of current medical training with community needs.

NMTAN also considered the number and distribution of medical school places at Australian universities in the context of addressing medical workforce requirements including prevocational and vocational training pathways.

This session was introduced by the Assistant Minister for Health, the Hon. Dr David Gillespie MP. Minister Gillespie discussed the importance of NMTAN's role in identifying and addressing issues in the medical workforce.

NMTAN's final advice on distribution of medical school places at Australian universities will be endorsed out of session and included in the Department's advice to Minister Gillespie in the coming weeks.

The next meeting of NMTAN will be held in May 2017.