

# Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Consumer Consultative Committee Communiqué

The HTA Consumer Consultative Committee (CCC) met on Tuesday, 25th June 2019 in Canberra. This was the second face-to-face meeting for 2019.

## Attendees

Attendees included consumer representatives from the Pharmaceutical Advisory Committee (PBAC), the Prostheses Listing Advisory Committee (PLAC) and the Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC) and their subcommittees as well as consumer representatives from the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) Advisory Committee on Medicines (ACM) and Medical Devices (ACDM). The lead of the Consumer Evidence and Engagement Unit was also in attendance.

## Outcomes

Members reflected on the half-day HTA consumer representative workshop held on the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Workshop attendees were those from the CCC as well as consumer representatives from the PLAC Clinical Advisory Groups, the Life Saving Drug Expert Panel and the STOMA Product Assessment Panel. The half-day workshop was an opportunity to promote communication among HTA consumer representatives and to discuss ways to improve consumer involvement across Australian HTA processes. A report will be generated based on the discussions from the workshop.

The HTA CCC mentoring project was also discussed and it was agreed to work up a proposal to be presented to the Department of Health.

Members also provided advice regarding the development of consumer friendly public summary documents and possible text changes to the 'news' sections of the PBS website.

Members also discussed the 2019/2020 CCC work plan and agreed on five goals for the coming year with a focus on:

- Ways to improve engagement and communication with patients/consumer groups
- Increasing the impact of patients/consumer groups within the HTA process
- Producing guidance on the tools needed to strengthen the capacity of consumer representatives
- Improving internal HTA process and reforms to better respond to patients/consumers
- Developing a HTA consumer research agenda

Following on from these goals it was agreed to host further workshops for patients and consumers over the next 12 months. This would include a HTA workshop focusing on clinical or economic aspects of HTA as well as more process workshops specifically aimed at consumer organisations.

## Next meeting

The next meeting is to be held in Canberra in October 2019 and will include a half-day consumer organisation workshop prior to the CCC meeting.

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