

Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Consumer Consultative Committee Communiqué

The HTA Consumer Consultative Committee (the Committee) met on 11 December 2017. The committee met previously in April, June, August and October 2017.

Attendees

Chair: Jo Watson and consumer representatives from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC), the Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC), the Prostheses Listing Advisory Committee (PLAC) and their sub committees. Department of Health representatives were also in attendance.

Purpose

To review its achievements against the 2017 work plan, and develop new objectives for its future work plan, following an in-principle agreement by the Department of Health, to continue the committee to 30 June 2019.

The meeting included a follow-up session with the Department of Health about a project focused on information needs for consumers to support better understanding of out-of-pocket costs to patients, and finalise the format for MSAC consumer-friendly public summary documents.

The Committee held an HTA training workshop the day after the meeting for patient organisations. The objectives of the workshop were aimed at supporting patient representatives to understand and engage effectively with HTA assessment processes and decision-making outcomes by PBAC, MSAC and PLAC.

Outcomes

The CCC will provide a 2017 Summary report to the Department of Health and the Chairs of the HTA principal committees, as well as a proposed work plan for 2018.

Next steps

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for 12 February 2018, in Canberra.