National Medical Training Advisory Network

Communique Friday 13 July 2018

The National Medical Training Advisory Network (NMTAN) met on 13 July 2018 in Melbourne.

The Australasian College of Dermatologists (ACD) provided an update on progress against the *Australia's Future Health Workforce – Dermatology –* Action Plan. ACD is developing alternative approaches for funding for teledermatology, developing a series of tertiary training courses for GPs and undertaking a review of trainees' progression through to Fellowship.

The Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (ACEM) provided an update on progress against the *Australia's Future Health Workforce – Emergency Medicine –* Action Plan. ACEM presented key workforce data, their new Selection into Fellowship Training (SIFT) process and discussed ways in which trainees who have not reached Fellowship in 10 years could be transitioned into other ACEM courses.

The Commonwealth Department of Health (DoH) provided a demonstration of the HeaDS UPP Tool prototype which will be a single, integrated, quality source of health workforce data.

DoH updated members on progress on the Stronger Rural Health Strategy (SRHS) and a timeline for the implementation of key measures and introduced the new Workforce Regulation Taskforce which will provide a whole-of-system understanding of the regulatory changes being implemented under the Strategy.

Members participated in a facilitated workshop to discuss key considerations for a National Medical Workforce Strategy (NMWS), including the scope, key issues to be addressed and what success of the NMWS will look like.

The next meeting of the NMTAN will be held on Friday 23 November 2018.