

National Medical Training Advisory Network

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The National Medical Training Advisory Network (NMTAN) met on 20 April 2018 in Melbourne.

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) discussed the findings of the *Australia's Future Health Workforce (AFHW) - Obstetrics & Gynaecology* – final draft report. An NMTAN working group will be convened to work with RANZCOG to develop an action plan to address key findings of the report.

Dr Paul Myhill, Medical Advisor, Medical Workforce, Department of Health Western Australia, presented the key findings from the General Practice Workforce Supply and Training in Western Australia Project.

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists (RANZCO) discussed the findings of the *Australia's Future Health Workforce (AFHW) - Ophthalmology* – final report. The College acknowledges that distribution is a key concern and that new trainees should be encouraged to train in rural and regional locations, given that metropolitan areas are well served. An NMTAN working group will be convened to work with RANZCO to develop an action plan to increase training numbers outside of metropolitan areas.

Members were updated on the key outcomes from the Distribution Working Group February 2018 meeting.

NMTAN members participated in a facilitated workshop to discuss how NMTAN, as an advisory body, can more effectively influence better provision of medical workforce data, alignment of medical training to community demand, workforce distribution, culture and diversity in medical training.

The next meeting of the NMTAN will be held on Friday 13 July 2018.