

Communique

ACT Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board

Monday 4 March 2019

The inaugural meeting of the ACT Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board was held on Monday 4 March 2019. Chaired by the Director-General, ACT Health Directorate and comprising leaders from ACT Health Directorate, Canberra Health Services, Calvary Public Hospital Bruce, the Australian National University (ANU), the Health Care Consumers' Association and the University of Canberra (UC), the meeting marks an important milestone in setting a new direction for the ACT health system.

The Board will meet quarterly to identify and set shared priorities and make decisions that will improve the health and wellbeing of Canberra communities and surrounding regions. This will be achieved through developing stronger and more collaborative relationships across research, and workforce, education and training across health service sectors.

The Board agreed to a number of key actions and outcomes:

- **An endorsed Terms of Reference**

The Board recognises its role in supporting health research, including translational research, and developing the system-wide synergies between research and health service delivery.

- **Engagement of a broad range of stakeholders** will be vital to the success of the Board, and will be achieved by establishing relevant working groups and forums as priorities are identified.

- **Establishment of two Working Groups**

Two Working Groups will be established initially - a Workforce, Education and Training Working Group and Research Working Group to jointly address key strategic and operational issues. An Expression of Interest process will be undertaken to identify the Chairs of each Working Group.

The Partnership Board reports to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing, Minister for Medical and Health Research, Vice-Chancellor, ANU and Vice-Chancellor, UC.

For more information, visit health.act.gov.au/research/act-health-and-wellbeing-partnership-board

