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## **Transforming Australia's Digital Health Infrastructure: An Australian Digital Health Agency Information Session**

The Australian Digital Health Agency is inviting stakeholders and potential partners to learn more about its transformative vision for national digital health infrastructure at an Information Session on Transforming Australia's Digital Health Infrastructure on Monday 15 July 2024 at the Hellenic Club in Canberra.

The Agency's Chief Executive Officer Amanda Cattermole PSM said "digital health is not only about technology, but also about transforming the way we deliver and experience healthcare. By using data and digital technologies, we support improvement in individual health outcomes, easing pressure on the healthcare workforce, and supporting planning and ongoing investment.

"Digital health infrastructure that is fit for purpose and future proofed means moving away from legacy systems and creating a contemporary, structured, data-rich ecosystem that can connect across healthcare settings in near real time in every corner of the country."

Chief Digital Officer Peter O'Halloran said the information session will allow the sector to gain a deeper understanding of the Agency's digital health infrastructure and the unified architecture that is needed to support connected health care.

"The Agency is committed to modernising the My Health Record system from a clinical document repository to a data-rich platform built on the international data exchange standard known as Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR), to ensure health data can be seamlessly connected across all parts of the health system," Mr O'Halloran said.

"The Agency has had great success with the establishment of a new API Gateway, and transition to cloud storage, the next step is to implement a new FHIR-based repository, which will allow storage of key records that form part of each consumer's My Health Record."

Mr O'Halloran encouraged industry, potential partners, and other interested parties to register for the information session and submit their questions in advance.

"Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback that will help us shape our procurement activities and market engagement approach," Mr O'Halloran said.

Register for the Information Session on Transforming Australia's Digital Health Infrastructure before 5pm (AEST) on Wednesday 10 July 2024 via the Agency's website: <https://www.digitalhealth.gov.au/healthcare-providers/transforming-australias-digital-health-infrastructure>.

All questions for the event will be taken in advance through Slido, with details on the Agency website. Please note questions will be moderated.

A recording of the information session, any questions from Slido and the associated answers will be published on digitalhealth.gov.au following the event.

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**About the Australian Digital Health Agency**

When it comes to improving the health of all Australians, the role of digital innovation and connection is a vital part of a modern, accessible healthcare system. Against the backdrop of COVID-19, digital health has seen exponential growth in relevance and importance, making it more pertinent than ever for all Australians and healthcare providers.

Better patient healthcare and health outcomes are possible when you have a health infrastructure that can be safely accessed, easily used and responsibly shared.

To achieve this, the [National Digital Health Strategy](#) is establishing the foundations for a sustainable health system that constantly improves. It underpins and coordinates work that is already happening between governments, healthcare providers, consumers, innovators and the technology industry.

For further information: [www.digitalhealth.gov.au](http://www.digitalhealth.gov.au).

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