



Meeting Communiqué: National Clinical Governance Committee for Digital Health

Meeting No. 1 – National Clinical Governance Committee for Digital Health

Held via Microsoft Teams

At 11:00am – 1:00pm (AEDT) on Wednesday, 19 November 2025

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The Australian Digital Health Agency's (the Agency) National Clinical Governance Committee for Digital Health (NCGC-DH) held its inaugural meeting on 19 November 2025 to define its scope, role and intended outcomes. This communiqué summarises discussions and key outcomes from the meeting.

NCGC-DH overview

The NCGC-DH is an ongoing committee established to provide enduring clinical governance and stewardship. Members are appointed for a term of three (3) years. The NCGC-DH replaces and will build on the [Clinical Reference Group \(CRG\)](#) that was instrumental in the successful delivery of strategic clinical and consumer advice for the Better and Faster Access program, including advice that informed the development of the *Modernising My Health Record (Sharing by Default) Act 2024*.

The NCGC-DH aims to provide national clinical governance for digital health, system safety and quality, lived experience perspectives and expert clinical advice. Its role includes:

- Coordinating discussion on emerging digital health models of care such as virtual care
- Supporting the responsible use of artificial intelligence (AI) in healthcare settings
- Supporting the implementation and expansion of the Agency's Share by Default program.

This will be supported by the establishment of three expert advisory groups (EAGs) reporting up to the NCGC-DH; the Better and Faster Access EAG, Virtual Care and Telehealth EAG and AI Enabled Care EAG.

The NCGC-DH serves to bring key stakeholders together as a single collaborative group, with the Agency acting as the convening body, supporting the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (the Department) to provide advice to the Minister for Health and Ageing and Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme, the Honourable Mark Butler MP (Minister Butler).

Meeting summary

A summary of issues discussed for key agenda items is provided below.

NCGC-DH transition overview

The Agency provided an overview of the CRG and the recommendation upon its cessation to establish an enduring clinical governance group to steward safety and quality in digital health and inform the development of policy. This recommendation was supported by Minister Butler, who also supported the expansion of the scope of the NCGC-DH to include other emerging digital models of care.

Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference for the NCGC-DH and two of the EAGs: the Better and Faster Access EAG and the Virtual Care and Telehealth EAG were discussed. The NCGC-DH will convene on a quarterly basis, with EAG meetings scheduled quarterly and prior to NCGC-DH meetings, where practical.

It was noted that the Terms of Reference for the AI Enabled Care EAG will be presented at a subsequent NCGC-DH meeting.

Membership finalisation for all EAGs is underway.

Methodology for diagnostic imaging report uploads to My Health Record

The Agency and Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care provided an overview of the methodology for diagnostic imaging report uploads to My Health Record. Members discussed:

- Outlined the work of the Diagnostic Imaging Sub-Committee
- Current validation and assurance processes for diagnostic imaging terms and proposed technical solutions
- Use of standardisation of terminology to strengthen safety across the system

Targeted discussion

The Agency provided an overview of the CRG, highlighting key learnings and noting the value of consumer perspectives in shaping its recommendations.

There was also discussion around the role of conformance, legislation and standards as key levers to support the sector-wide changes underway and in the future, and a focus on ensuring the system is safe, secure, and aligned with these requirements as models of care evolve.

Members were encouraged to actively engage with their colleagues and wider networks to support collective understanding, contribute ideas, and assist with the implementation of reforms.

The Agency stated that the Share by Default program is already driving an increase in information sharing ahead of full program implementation. Phase one of the program which involves pathology and diagnostic imaging laws, is expected to come into effect from mid-2026.

Next meeting

The next NCGC-DH meeting will be held virtually on **3 March 2026**.