

## Media release

# Local decisions in a National Scheme – Regulating health practitioners in Victoria

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The number of registered health practitioners in Victoria (Vic) has continued to grow over the past year with AHPRA and the National Boards today releasing a report on health practitioner regulation in Vic for the year ending 30 June 2016.

There are now 169,478 registered health practitioners in Vic, compared with 164,324 in the previous year.

Drawn from the [2015/16 Annual report of AHPRA and the National Boards](#), the report provides a snapshot of registered health practitioners in Vic as well as information about our work to keep the public safe. It also includes national comparisons to show how Vic compares with national rates.

‘The summary report provides a Vic lens on the regulation of health practitioners in Australia,’ said AHPRA CEO Martin Fletcher. ‘It profiles the work of our local AHPRA office in Melbourne and the important work of health practitioner boards in Vic.’

‘It demonstrates the importance of our local arrangements while drawing on the benefits of being part of a national registration scheme.’

Some of the highlights include:

- there are now 169,478 registered health practitioners in Vic, compared with 164,324 in the previous year
- Vic practitioners accounted for 25.8% of all registered health practitioners in Australia
- there was a 0.15% decrease in notifications in Vic compared to a 19.7% national increase
- there were 89 notifications closed after a panel hearing and 26 tribunal decisions finalised during the year
- Vic boards and committees took ‘immediate action’ 141 times as an interim step to manage risk to public safety during the year, leading to a restriction on registration in 112 cases, and
- there were 1,032 cases under active compliance monitoring in Vic as at 30 June 2016, accounting for 18.6% of all cases nationally.

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