

Media release

Local decisions in a National Scheme – Regulating health practitioners in the ACT

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

There are now 11,362 registered health practitioners in the ACT, compared with 10,978 in the previous year and ACT practitioners account for 1.7% of all registered health practitioners in Australia.

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

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

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

Minister for Health Ms Meegan Fitzharris said ‘The work of AHPRA and boards to regulate health practitioners is a vital part of our system for ensuring patient safety in the ACT. This report provides important information about how regulation works to keep the public safe as well as data which will support our workforce policy and planning’.

Some of the highlights include:

- there are now 11,362 registered health practitioners in the ACT, compared with 10,978 in the previous year
- ACT practitioners accounted for 1.7% of all registered health practitioners in Australia
- there was a 15.7% increase in notifications in the ACT compared to a 19.7% national increase
- there were six notifications closed after a panel hearing and 14 tribunal decisions finalised during the year
- ACT boards and committees took ‘immediate action’ 19 times as an interim step to manage risk to public safety during the year, leading to a restriction on registration in 12 cases, and
- there were 117 cases under active compliance monitoring in the ACT as at 30 June 2016, accounting for 2.4% of all cases nationally.

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