

Whole of Health ICT Strategy 2009-13

Newsletter #2

Steering Committee

The Steering Committee continues to meet regularly to advise on and review key deliverables. Since the last newsletter, three new members have joined the Committee – Ms Jenni Gratton-Vaughan, Chief Allied Health Officer, Northern Health, Ms Lydia Dennett, Executive Director, Nursing, Western Health and Mr David Ryan, Executive Officer/CIO. Grampians Health Alliance (replacing Mr Richard Hill who has recently resigned).

Current Progress

The Victorian Whole of Health Information and Communication Technology Strategy 2009-13 has now finished the second round of consultation forums. These forums were very beneficial as the groups tested feedback from round one and the relative importance of a number of initiatives previously raised. Over 250 people participated in these discussions.

There have also been a series of consultations with other stakeholders, which are continuing. For example, recent meetings have included the Council of Board Chairs, the Board of General Practice Divisions Victoria, Metropolitan Directors of Nursing, Doctors-in Training, HR Directors and CIOs

The team has completed an Environmental Scan to examine the experiences and lessons learnt by other organisations, both nationally and overseas. Having a full understanding of a number of approaches that have already been used will help us discern the most successful path for Victoria.

At its last meeting the Steering Committee reviewed the approach to be taken in prioritising the large number of potential initiatives identified through this process. At the next meeting on 5 October, the Committee will be considering the draft Strategy based on the agreed approach.

Website

A website has now been established which can be accessed at <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/ictstrategy/>. The website will be updated regularly throughout the course of the project. It currently includes information about the project and its governance, copies of the material provided to the two rounds of focus groups and links to a number of national and international sites of potential interest. It is anticipated that the Environmental Scan will also be included on the website within the next week.

Further information

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