

ACSQHC Initiatives

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▶ Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care

Commission's role and remit

- lead and coordinate improvements in safety and quality in health care
- disseminate knowledge and advocate for safety and quality
- report on the state of safety and quality
- recommend national data sets for safety and quality
- provide strategic advice to Health Ministers on best practice thinking to drive quality improvement
- recommend standards for safety and quality improvement.

Website: <http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/>

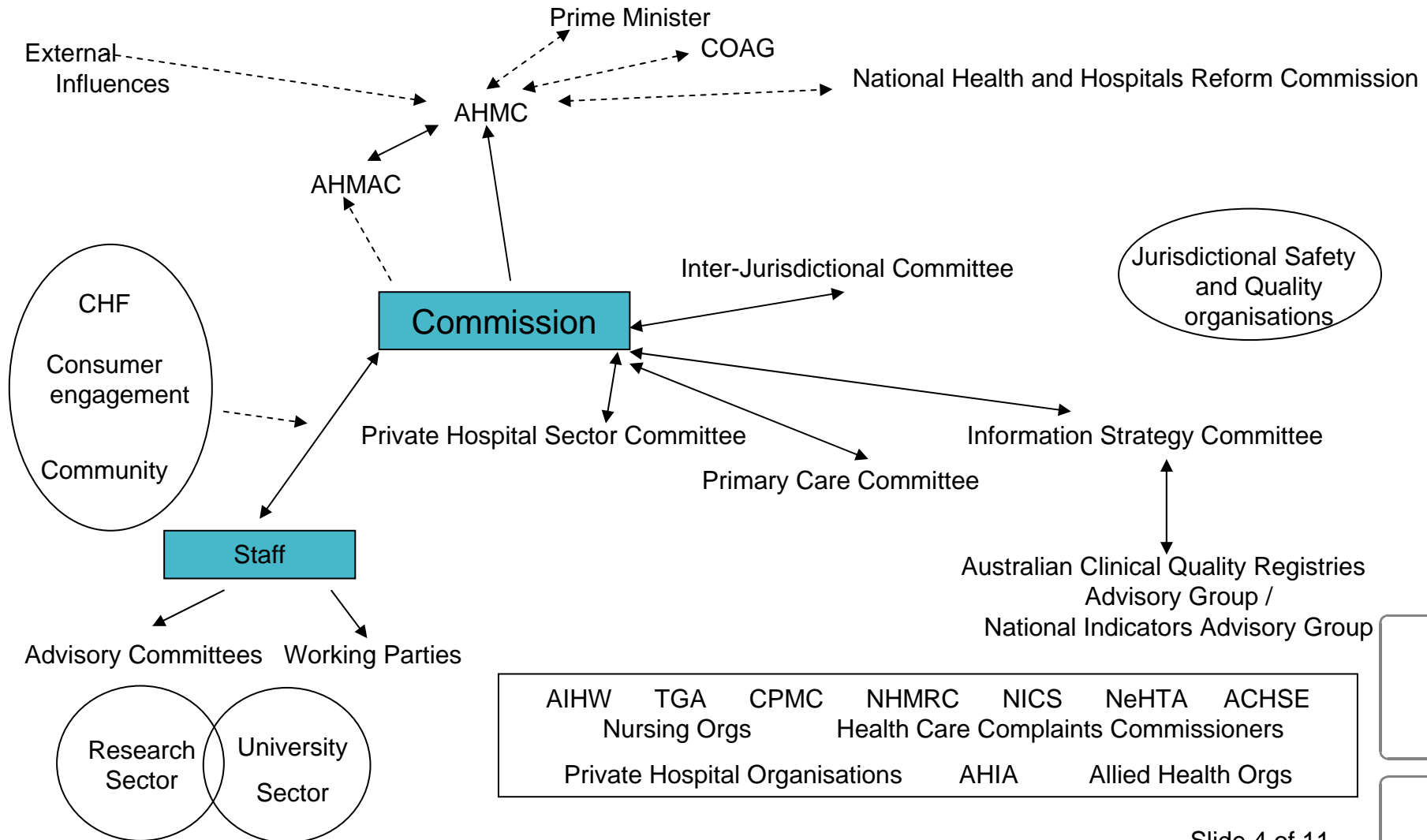
▶ Priority Programs

Australian Health Ministers' Conference (AHMC) approved the Commission's Priority Programs. The programs stem from the Commission's Five Year Work Plan.

The Priority Programs include:

- Patient Charter of Rights
- Open Disclosure
- Hygiene/HCAI
- Patient Identification
- Handover
- Medication Safety
- Accreditation
- Quantification and Benchmarking

▶ Effecting Change



▶ Information Strategy

Why an Information Strategy?

- Building relevant and reliable evidence to improve safety and quality
- Using existing information to best advantage
- Enhancing available data
- Supporting best practice.

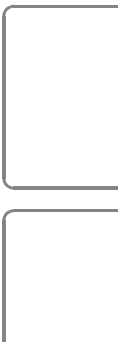
To underpin other programs and as information projects.

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▶ Information Strategy

Goals and work streams

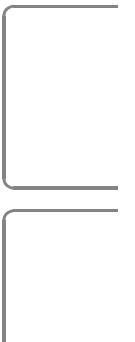
- Information to support quality improvement of clinical practice
- Better use of information
- Summary information capable of monitoring Australia's performance (benchmarking)
- Improve national health information infrastructure.



▶ Information Strategy priority projects

5 priority projects within the Information Strategy

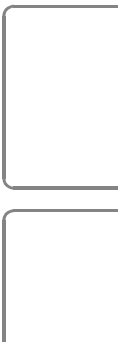
- Improving and sharing incident information
- National indicators
- National data sets and standards
- Core maternity indicators
- Australian Clinical Quality Registries.



▶ Australian Clinical Quality Registries

Some definitions

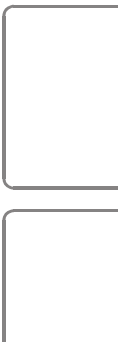
- Australian — national focus
- Clinical quality
 - feedback into clinical practice
 - focus on improving safety and quality in health care.
- “Primary purpose [of the registry] is to improve the safety or quality of health care”.



▶ Australian Clinical Quality Registries

Why?

- Developing standards to strengthen the role of registries, particularly around clinical quality
- Provide a 'template' for dealing with common issues
- Standardise methodologies, data definitions, identifiers
- Aid efficiencies
- Enhance impact and relevance of registries
- A clearer understanding of registries for funding bodies, ethics committees, etc.



▶ Australian Clinical Quality Registries

Australian Clinical Quality Registry characteristics:

- Clear purpose and scope
- Governance models
- Privacy principles and legislation
- Information management principles
- Standard technical design for key registry components
- Involve the relevant national professional organisations
- Capacity to analyse data and provide timely advice
- Minimum reporting requirements
- Add value over and above augmentation of routine collections.

▶ Project phases and status

Phases

- Preliminary – scoping and consultation
- Phase 1 – draft operating principles
- Phase 2 – draft technical standards
- Phase 3a – test and validate using pilot studies
- Phase 3b – evaluation of pilots and drafts
- Phase 4 – revision of operating principles and technical standards and recommend

Current status

- Commencing Phase 3
- Tender for pilot studies closes 1 September.

