

Reflections on workshop 2

The Program Advisory Group met on 18 September to reflect on the second workshop and the outcomes, and to consider the next steps. Key reflections included:

- Not everyone has been part of each session to date, so it's important to re-emphasise key messages at each workshop and for ongoing communication of progress & outcomes.
- Important to ensure that everyone is clear and has the same understanding of the review, including:
 - the purpose of the collaborative design process and the expected outcomes
 - the assumptions underpinning the process (outcome from Workshop 1), specifically what is in scope and what is not?
- Recognition that there is increased engagement activity relating to program re-contracting, Department changes, and new Government briefings. This creates additional pressure for stakeholders & underscores the need for clarity of purpose, meaningful discussions and the best use of time.
- There is a strong willingness from stakeholders to engage in constructive and respectful debate and joint discussion which will achieve both progress for this Review, and for broader sector outcomes.
- Participants recognise the program needs transparency regarding how resources are allocated. There are different ways to approach how this can be achieved, other than a direct discussion on funding allocation, as this undermines the spirit of collaboration in achieving outcomes across the sector.
- The codesign process can be used as an opportunity to look at what outcomes and associated activities are the key priorities to future proof the sector for greater

sustainability. This could be the basis for examining differentiation of roles of peaks, and opportunities to collaborate through joint planning and delivery.

- Program design needs to be fit for the future needs of the service system, retaining agility for emerging needs within existing resources.

The Advisory Group discussed whether to proceed with the next workshop, given the considerable activity underway and work required of stakeholders. The Group consensus was that there is no 'right time', and the time set aside offers an opportunity for a needed discussion, however with a different focus than specifically on resource allocation (as per stakeholder feedback).

The focus of the next workshop

The upcoming workshop on the 24 September will be open to **peak body senior representatives only** and will recap on and focus on:

- Why are we here and what are the expectations
- What has been discussed to date and what has been agreed
- Re-stating what needs to be achieved from the collaborative design process and the review
- Exploring and finding common ground on the themes from workshop 2
 - Are the strategic priorities identified from last workshop the right ones?
 - Are there other outcomes that should be a priority?
- How, who and what is the best approach to achieving these priorities?
- What are the enablers and existing activities that facilitate achievement of the priorities?
- Possible mapping of service expertise/respective roles and

responsibilities to enhance collaboration and any duplicative activity between peaks.

A finalised agenda will be circulated to peak representatives by Monday 23 September.

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