



Strengthening Medicare Aged Care GP Panels Initiative

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Agenda

- What are the aims of the Strengthening Medicare Aged Care GP Panels Initiative?
- Scope of Panel Activities
- Role of the Divisions
- Role of Aged Care Homes
- Progress under the Initiative to date



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What are the aims of the Strengthening Medicare Aged Care GP Panels Initiative?

- 1 to ensure better access to primary medical care for residents of aged care homes
- 2 to enable GPs to work with aged care homes on quality improvement strategies for the care of residents
- 3 to assist GPs and Divisions to work more effectively with aged care homes



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Scope of Panels Activities

Activities may include:

- ♦ facilitate provision of care for residents without a usual GP
- ♦ assisting in sourcing or adapting protocols
- ♦ addressing barriers to primary care service provision
- ♦ participating in QI activities (eg quality care committees, implementing preventive health activities)



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Role of Divisions of General Practice

- ♦ Work in partnership with aged care homes and GPs to identify priority needs
- ♦ Promote interest among aged care homes and GPs in the panel arrangements
- ♦ Establish and manage panel arrangements
- ♦ Support and complement panel activities
- ♦ Provide avenues for up-skilling and professional support to panel GPs



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Role of Aged Care Home

Participation is voluntary and may include working in partnership with Divisions to:

- ♦ identify current service arrangements, gaps and pressures
- ♦ identify panel activities to be undertaken to meet needs of aged care home residents
- ♦ appoint GPs to participate in Panel arrangements
- ♦ source and adapt protocols and tools to streamline GP involvement in aged care homes



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Progress under the Initiative to date

- ♦ 118 Divisions have agreed to participate in the Panel Initiative – 4 divisions have merged / combined services
- ♦ 110 Divisions have 'panels' established
- ♦ Resources have been developed and disseminated through the network and to ACHs
- ♦ Work being undertaken in the panels varies and reflects the identified local needs



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Top Five areas being addressed by Panels

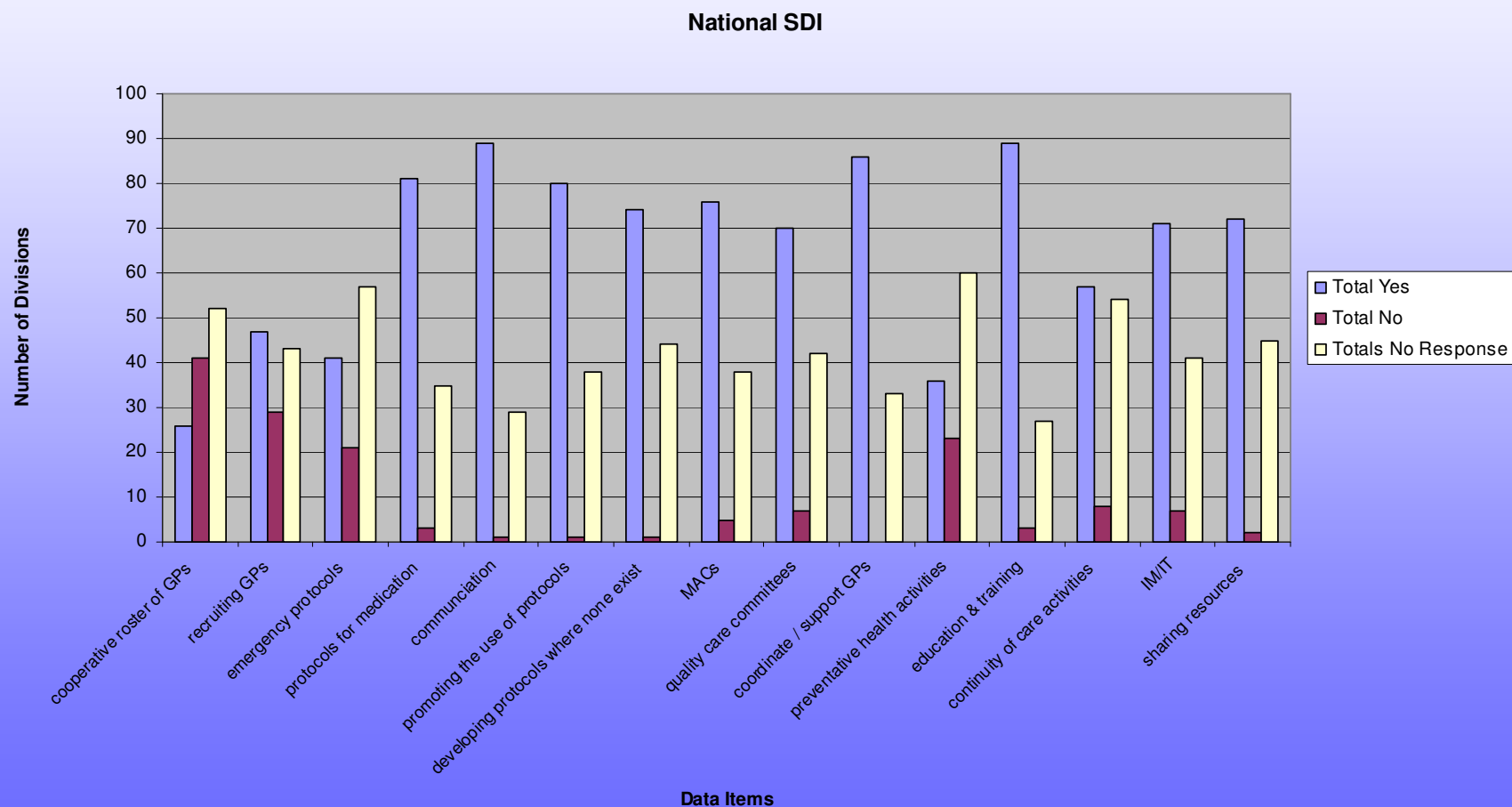
- ♦ Communication & Policy (75% Divisions)
- ♦ Education and Training (75% Divisions)
- ♦ Medication Management (68% Divisions)
- ♦ Quality Care Activities (64% Divisions)
- ♦ IM/IT (60% Divisions)

Most divisions have identified the need to provide training to GPs and ACH in MBS Item Numbers especially those relating to CMA, RMMR, EPC and Allied Health.



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National Standard Data Items





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MBS Data for RACF

	State								Total
	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	ACT	NT	
	Services	Services	Services	Services	Services	Services	Services	Services	Services
Item									
20	15,427	12,143	10,530	5,922	2,453	1,558	77	112	48,222
35	406,492	301,001	186,315	106,297	95,450	27,361	6,191	1,645	1,130,752
43	39,898	25,252	20,904	13,204	9,589	3,359	1,669	471	114,346
51	6,522	3,218	2,916	1,477	993	318	194	44	15,682
92	73	19	7	8	154	-	-	-	261
93	4,971	5,319	2,310	2,194	1,222	64	37	8	16,125
95	1,456	756	606	175	246	7	31	12	3,289
96	421	301	168	9	19	5	19	1	943
712	6,614	4,565	3,745	2,076	1,949	265	48	44	19,306
730	1,521	2,270	1,760	442	790	84	8	9	6,884
734	280	358	268	44	583	6	3	8	1,550
736	141	125	88	47	34	9	8	1	453
738	202	146	87	36	40	12	5	-	528
775	78	317	112	77	254	1	2	1	842
778	51	105	133	6	63	4	5	-	367
779	67	33	48	5	43	3	6	1	206
903	845	556	462	142	217	55	3	1	2,281
Total	485,059	356,484	230,459	132,161	114,099	33,111	8,306	2,358	1,362,037



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Additional Comments

- ♦ 12 month review to occur in June – divisions are represented on the MACIAG by Mornington Peninsula Division, Adelaide North East Division and Brisbane North Division.
- ♦ It is essential that divisions provide comments and feedback on the initiative there relevant SBO.
- ♦ The results from the ACH survey are finalised and awaiting approval for release by the Department.



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Questions?

