



Australian Divisions of **General Practice**

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For Discussion today...

- The Divisions Network as a Network;
- ADGP's approach to Contract management;
- IM funding

Finally...

- Other issues of national Network relevance



The Divisions Network – A “real” Network

What are our issues?

- Only as strong as our weakest link;
- Already have a constitution – Divisions and SBOs are members;
- Work of the “*Divisions Network Structure Working party*” – no clear direction identified;
- Identified need, from external stakeholders, to ‘operate as a Network’



How do we operate as a Network?

Firstly....

Believe in the whole is greater than the sum of its parts;

- ✓ Ensure coverage;
- ✓ Be consistent in what we can deliver;
- ✓ Have the capacity to deliver; and
- ✓ Build confidence that we can deliver!



How do we work together?

- Agreement at the ADGP-SBO level about roles and responsibilities;
 - ADGP's role to work at a national level;
 - SBO's role to work at a state level;
 - Divisions locally

So what's different?



How is it Different?

- Agreement on how issues will be progressed via the Network;
- Agreement on how state views will be forwarded nationally;
- Agreement from the Department on the proposed way forward, and how they will interact with the Divisions Network



Why Change?

Can no longer be
seen as 'strong
individuals'

Providers of choice
for future primary
health care policy
delivery via the
Divisions Network

■ The 4 Cs..

- ☐ Coverage
- ☐ Consistency
- ☐ Capacity
- ☐ Confidence



ADGP's approach to contract Mx

- Acknowledge there have been some recent issues raised by the Network, now addressed;
- Some occasions where funders (non-DoHA) only want to deal with one organisation;
- Acknowledge our starting position is that there should be appropriate resourcing for all levels of the network (with defined roles and value adds);

Assurance that relationship between ADGP and its members will not change.



IM in the Divisions Network

- ADGP has been funded (2 year contract) for a senior policy adviser to address the key Government priorities;
 - ☐ HealthConnect and EHR;
 - ☐ Broadband;
 - ☐ Smartcards
 - ☐ Connectivity in general practice, supported by Divisions more broadly
- Currently recruiting for this position;



What about IM in Divisions?

ADGP-SBO Coalition actions collectively;

- ADGP has been lobbying Government re IM capacity at a local level – this is now more pressing with the implementation of directions for Divisions (RIC reforms);
- Data strategy to be developed led by PHC Branch (DoHA);
- Recognise the way forward for Divisions in this area – need support!



What else will we do?

- Continue to lobby government, pushing Divisions Network resourcing issues;
- Significant shift from Department as to need in this area – some discussion at the RIC Information Session re this issue;
- Could well cement Divisions as integral in the health care sector!



Other National Issues

- RIC;
- Practice Nursing Position – Government consultation and expanding role;
- Interest in the Network's 2005-06 Budget submission – continuing to lobby for role of Divisions;
- Primary Health Care Position Statement;
- Board engagement with Health Committee (House of Reps) in February 05

