

## AGPN Board Meeting - 28 September 2008

The AGPN Board has recently incorporated *State Reports* as a regular agenda item to improve the Board's awareness of issues impacting on the Network. Via the General Practice Network Leadership Group (GPNLG), the AGPN board has received feedback on issues raised at a state/ territory level. This Board Communiqué provides feedback on the key issues raised with the *State Reports*.

### Key Issues Raised

All states and territories provided reports via their SBO to AGPN. A number of states and territories reported political instability with change of state governments/ recent elections and restructures. Similarly, Divisions have raised uncertainty with the review environment.

The AGPN Board considered the reports and feedback, including recommendations for action required by the Board.

The AGPN Board noted that recommendations fell into four main categories:

1. *eHealth and data management*  
Some states/ territories raised the issue of data collection and the need for support at Divisional level to collect practice level data
2. *Models of program funding for the network*  
Concerns expressed by the network on future and emerging funding models, and the need for debate, discussion and a principles based approach
3. *National approaches to workforce development*  
A need for coordinated, equal incentives for workforce development across states and territories
4. *AGPN's consultation processes*  
Reflection on the current policy development and consultation processes implemented by AGPN on major network policy.

### Feedback and Action taken by the AGPN Board

The following actions were agreed for implementation by the AGPN Board:

1. A need to identify tools, resources and products and work with SBOs to assist Divisions in meeting the national performance indicators. AGPN had previously explored technologies to assist Divisions with appropriate tools, products and resources to assist network members in meeting the national performance indicators, as set by Government.
2. The Board noted the need for greater debate and discussion about models of program funding for the network, and that time has already been allocated at the 2008 Forum meeting of CEOs and Chairs to address this issue. AGPN to work on a network discussion paper to be circulated in October to assist. Senior management are also participating in State forums to discuss this issue.
3. The need for a more coordinated and network led response to national workforce developments was noted by the AGPN Board. This work has already begun through the GPNLG with a number of key strategies and stakeholders with which to engage, and will be progressed and reported back to members over time.
4. The AGPN Board notes opportunities to improve its consultation processes especially with respect to policy setting. AGPN will undertake a review of AGPN consultation processes, exploration of ideas around policy forums and thinktanks, and more effective policy development processes including greater access to grass roots program successes through divisional visits. The board plans to release a response to other issues raised by members.