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Scopes of Practice Symposium, March 30 2005

The National Nursing and Nursing Education Taskforce (N³ET) was announced in 2003. Following each meeting an electronic update (E-Update) is prepared and circulated to interested stakeholders. E-Updates are brief summaries of the key issues from each Taskforce meeting or other recent news/matters.

Nationally Consistent Scope of Practice (Rec 4 of the National Review of Nursing Education 2002: Our duty of Care)

Following on from the release of the Scopes of Practice Commentary Paper, N³ET held a Symposium on the Scopes of Practice for Nurses and Midwives on March 30, 2005 in Melbourne attended by key stakeholders from across Australia interested in developing a national framework for scopes of practice.

Those attending endorsed the need for change in the way scopes of practice for nurses and midwives in Australia are described, developed, regulated and managed.

Participants reviewed and supported draft guidelines for organisations and stakeholders ***"Principles for working together to achieve national outcomes"*** as an important foundation for Australia wide communication, consultation and collaboration in the work that lies ahead. These will be revised and available on the N³ET website by end of April.

A key outcome of the Symposium was identification of areas of work to progress towards a national framework. The Taskforce will now review the list of areas identified to develop a prioritised action plan that will propose organisations best positioned to work with the Taskforce to lead key pieces of work.

A report of the day, including identified areas of work and action will be distributed to participants and available on the N³ET website by end of April.

The Symposium was applauded as a great opportunity for a wide range of stakeholders from State and Commonwealth Governments, nurse regulatory authorities and the ANMC, the education and training sector, employers and health service providers, unions and national nursing organisations to share their views, participate in meaningful dialogue and have say in shaping the national framework for scopes of practice for nurses and midwives in the future.

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