



NATIONAL ACTION PLAN FOR ENDOMETRIOSIS

Endometriosis Advisory Group

Terms of Reference

Purpose

The purpose of the Endometriosis Advisory Group (EAG) is to provide advice and guidance to the Department on issues relating to implementation of the National Action Plan for Endometriosis (the Action Plan).

Specifically, it is intended that the EAG will undertake the following activities:

- Prioritise proposed actions outlined in the Action Plan, including providing advice on the: potential costs; cost-effectiveness; barriers to; enablers for; and probable timeframes associated with the proposed actions.
- Provide advice on the ways in which prioritised actions may be shaped, developed and implemented, including identifying the sector area responsible for driving implementation of each action, and who the key implementation partners are.

In addition, the EAG will also provide feedback, as required, on work undertaken for endometriosis with funding provided through: the *Infant Health – Increasing knowledge – endometriosis* Budget measure; the Action Plan Implementation Budget agreed by the Minister for Health; and any other endometriosis activity that may be funded by the Department under the Public Health and Chronic Disease Grant program.

Membership and Frequency of Meetings

The EAG will be chaired by Ms Lyndall Soper, Acting First Assistant Secretary, Population Health & Sport Division, Australian Government Department of Health.

Membership of the EAG is as follows:

Member	Organisation
Professor Jason Abbott	Australian Gynaecological Endoscopy Society
Ms Janet Michelmores AO	Jean Hailes for Women's Health
Dr Susan Evans	Pelvic Pain Foundation of Australia
Professor Peter Rogers	University of Melbourne
Ms Jessica Taylor	Queensland Endometriosis Association
Professor Stephen Robson	Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
Ms Syl Freeman	Endo-Active
Ms Donna Ciccio	Endometriosis Australia
Ms Melissa Parker	Canberra Endometriosis Centre

Meetings of the group may be held up to four times per year; with one meeting to occur in face-to-face format at a location chosen by the Department, and up to three meetings to occur via teleconference.



Australian Government

Department of Health

Administration

The Department will undertake Secretariat responsibility for the EAG, including preparation of meeting logistics, agendas, associated discussion papers and minutes of EAG meetings.

Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest

Members must comply with confidentiality and conflict of interest requirements and will be required to complete a *Deed of Confidentiality* and *Conflict of Interest* form.

Duration of the EAG

Meetings of the EAG are to commence in November 2018 and may run through until June 2021, at the discretion of the Minister for Health.

Expenses

The Department will be responsible for reimbursing each member for appropriate travel costs that are associated with attending the face-to-face meetings.

Background

The National Action Plan for Endometriosis (the Action Plan), launched in July 2018, provides a platform for improving the awareness, understanding, treatment of, and research into, endometriosis and associated chronic pelvic pain in Australia. The Action Plan is a high-level document that contains three priority areas that identify actions that will deliver a multipronged approach to endometriosis in Australia. These three priority areas are awareness and education, clinical management and care, and research.

To ensure the effectiveness of the Action Plan in fulfilling its objectives, the following is proposed:

1. Establish an Implementation Steering Group to facilitate and drive implementation of the National Action Plan; and
2. Conduct a five-year review, with twelve-month and three-year development checks, to assess progress made in each of the priorities.

The Action Plan is available on the Department of Health's website at: [National Action Plan for Endometriosis](#)