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HISA launches Australia's first allied health informatics call to action

Australia's highly skilled allied health workforce has been called to action to adopt a coordinated approach to digital health and inspire the next wave of innovative, disruptive solutions that address immediate healthcare challenges.

Launching the first [Allied Health Informatics position statement](#) today the Health Informatics Society of Australia (HISA) said allied health professionals have the capability to help bring healthcare into the digital age, and significantly improve service delivery and patient outcomes.

There needs to be a greater demonstration and acknowledgement of the knowledge and versatility allied health clinicians bring to healthcare delivery and digital health.

There was a clear call to action for healthcare system administrators and allied health professionals at all levels nationwide.

HISA CEO Dr Louise Schaper said: "If we want real, substantial change we need to stop tinkering around the edges and build a health workforce with the skills to enable health organisations to unlock the investment in digital health."

Dr Schaper said the position paper was a milestone for the allied health sector, recognising its contribution across the healthcare landscape and advocating for greater representation at the decision-making table.

"Allied health professionals have untapped potential in digital health," she said. "They can lead, educate, engage and enable the allied health workforce to deliver healthcare in a digital world," she said.

The position paper was developed through a public consultation process, with key contributions made by allied health professionals across Australia.

It is available for immediate download on the [HISA publications page](#).

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