

## Media statement

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### Experts to advise on the building the digital health workforce

A group of expert advisors has been named by the Australasian Institute of Digital Health to advocate for the advancement of digital health skills and capabilities in the health workforce.

Institute CEO Dr Louise Schaper says the Expert Advisory Group will engage across the digital health ecosystem to tackle the challenges facing the healthcare workforce.

“As Australia’s peak body for digital health professionals, the Institute has made digital health workforce development a strategic focus for many years, and already has strong collaborative ties with numerous clinical and industry bodies,” Dr Schaper said.

“The workforce advisory group represents great diversity of experiences across our healthcare system, which is what we need to address the challenges with fresh thinking.”

“Some of those challenges are around digital health gaps and shortages and will tackle the vital need to increase digital skills and competencies amongst health workers,” Dr Schaper said.

Dr Schaper said Expert Advisory Groups were a mechanism for engaging expert Fellows, Members and invited stakeholders in the Institute’s leadership and advocacy strategy [Shifting the Dial](#).

The members of the expert advisory group on advancing the digital health workforce are:

- **Prof Mark Cormack**, public policy executive, consultant and academic
- **Michael Draheim** (FAIDH), Chief Clinical Information Officer, Cerner Corporation
- **Learnie Durrington**, CEO, WA Primary Health Alliance
- **Dr Rowan Ellis** (CHIA), Anaesthetic Registrar at WA Health
- **Dr Tim Fazio** (FAIDH, CHIA), Chief Medical Information Officer, Royal Melbourne Hospital
- **Kath Feely**, Chief Allied Health Information Officer, Parkville EMR, Royal Melbourne Hospital
- **Dr Kathleen Gray** (FAIDH), Professor of Health Informatics, University of Melbourne
- **Tina Hardin** (CHIA), Executive Director of Clinical Informatics, SA Health
- **Louise Hayes** (FAIDH, CHIA), informatician and Executive Director Townsville Hospital and Health Service,
- **Kristy Jackman**, Director Administration Services, Royal Brisbane and Women’s Hospital
- **Dan McInerney** (FAIDH, CHIA), Partner PwC
- **Petra Milnes**, Director, Office of the CEO, eHealth NSW
- **Leanne Naaraat** (CHIA), Nursing Program Director, SA Health
- **Ben Okonjo**, Digital Health Lead, Adelaide PHN
- **Dr Monica Trujillo** (FAIDH), Chief Health Officer, Telstra Health

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