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Budget boost for digital health

The Australasian Institute of Digital Health (AIDH) has welcomed the Government's 2023 Budget boost with \$951.2 million allocated for digital health.

It includes \$325.7 million to support the ongoing operation of the Australian Digital Health Agency to continue delivering digital health infrastructure, and upgrading My Health Record through an investment of \$429 million.

AIDH CEO Dr Louise Schaper said the Institute recognised the commitment to driving a digitally connected healthcare system with upgrades to My Health Record.

"The government is investing in national clinical terminology and interoperability, with an initial focus on pathology and diagnostic imaging," she said.

"We can expect to see My Health Record become more compatible with the information and billing systems that practitioners are already using."

"More funding will enable more connections to be made between different parts of the health system and make it easier for people to access and securely share their own data."

The Government is also investing \$69.7 million for health delivery modernisation to deliver new digital health services, data improvements and set the foundation for future digital health reforms.

Other announcements include a focus on workforce and measures to enable a much more multi-disciplinary and team-based approach to primary health care.

"The goal is to have a coordinated team of health workers proactively working together for long term health benefits and the delivery of this will only be possible with the digital and data enablement of healthcare," Dr Schaper said.

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