

Australian Digital Health Agency

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Vision

A national digital health ecosystem that improves the health outcomes of all Australians.

Principles

- Full engagement, participation, equity and empowerment of consumers;
- Open collaboration available to all health professionals; making
- Person centred coordinated care decisions based on sharing data; using
- Practical and secure information technologies; underpinned by
- Government policies and regulations;
- Transparency, through public reporting; and
- Respect for the individual and their privacy.



Transition

- NEHTA closed on 30 June 2016
- The Agency commenced operation on 1 July 2016
- A single, transparent and streamlined governance arrangement and single agency responsible for national digital health strategy and operations.
- Four locations – Canberra, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne
- Some functions and staff transitioned from NEHTA and Department of Health
- Tim Kelsey appointed as permanent CEO – commencing 15 August 2016



The difference

- Board accountability focussed on delivering digital health
- Embedding stakeholder input guaranteeing commitment to effective engagement
- Integrated and strategic approach to digital health services
- Whole of system strategy and work plan design
- Clinical governance (strengthening focus on clinical quality and safety)
- Real engagement and collaboration with consumers and healthcare providers
- Open and collaborative innovation approaches
- Organisation and governance focussed on delivery of measurable outcomes
- Key Performance Indicators/measures publicly reported
- Cyber security: A single, focussed end to end approach to security



Key milestones

- 3 year digital health strategy - completed and released in early 2017
- In the next three to five years:
 - Real time digital communication between all participants in the health system including;
 - Interoperability
 - Secure messaging
 - MyHealth Record
 - E-prescribing
 - Medication management
 - Diagnostic testing
 - Telehealth services
- Dramatically improved consumer and provider digital health literacy
- Security and privacy issues no longer a barrier

