

14th February 2024

To whom it may concern,

Re: Medical Deans Australia and New Zealand's support for resources to support the integration of the Intellectual Disability Health Capability Framework

Medical Deans Australia and New Zealand (Medical Deans) provides support for UNSW Sydney's consultation with education experts and students around what resources are required to support integration of the Intellectual Disability Health Capability Framework. These resources will support development of foundational knowledge around intellectual disability health for both students and educators.

Medical Deans acknowledges the poorer health outcomes for people with intellectual disability compared to the general population, and the barriers they face to receiving quality health care.

We are represented on the Intellectual Disability Health Education and Training Expert Advisory Group and support the Australian government's Department of Health and Aged Care's development of the Intellectual Disability Health Capability Framework. The Framework sets out clear intellectual disability health capabilities and learning outcomes for students completing any pre-registration health education courses, along with guidance and tools to support integration. Integration of the Framework is voluntary. The Framework is due for release in early 2024.

We believe this consultation is important to ensure that resources developed meet the needs of educators and students. The ultimate aim of the Framework is to make sure that future health professionals have the knowledge and skills to provide quality health care to people with intellectual disability to help improve health outcomes for this population.

Yours sincerely,



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