Agenda Item 13.1 Global action on patient safety

Australia is committed to improving patient safety in order to reduce avoidable harm, and risk of harm, to all patients and people during their interaction with health care systems.

As global understanding of the nature of safety and quality issues improves, and as new issues emerge, we continue to evolve Australia’s approach to supporting improvements across the health system, including work on improving patient safety culture and the use of patient experience and outcome measures.

Internationally, and within the Australian health system, there has been an increasing focus on delivering value-based health care, achieving the best care possible for each patient while maintaining an efficient use of resources.

In supporting this, Australia has been fostering system change and this aligns with the guiding principles of the Global Patient Safety Action Plan 2021-2030.

We commend the World Health Organization for the commitment made to establish a formal mechanism for reporting, and to provide supplementary guidance and strengthening of patient safety information systems to support countries in measuring progress towards targets.

Australia has been pleased to contribute to the development of the draft Global Patient Safety Action Plan 2021-2030, and supports its endorsement.