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## COMMUNIQUE Meeting 25-26 August 2005

The Coalition met for a full two days in August focusing on developing an agreed vision for the Divisions Network. In consultation with a policy group of over 30 Network representatives, the Coalition put the final touches on a final draft Primary Health Care Position Statement now out in the Network for consultation. This important document is expected to drive the direction for the Divisions Network and challenges the current thinking of Divisions and the role they play in supporting general practice.

All Divisions are encouraged to review the document and provide considered feedback to their SBO throughout September in readiness for a National Divisions Forum launch of the final Position Statement.

The Coalition again formally met with David Learmonth and Lisa McGlynn from the Central Office of the Department of Health and Ageing. The discussions were broad ranging but included a particular emphasis on

- RIC and implementation progress;
- Progress of a national Data Management Strategy;
- Information Management and e-Health developments and their impact on the Network;
- The Aged Care Panels Initiative and ongoing funding arrangements;
- The RRMA review;
- The RRGPP review;
- The Central Bayside case;
- The establishment of and arrangements for the new WA State office of ADGP; and
- opportunities for working more collaboratively on State/ Commonwealth projects.

Actions from the meeting included agreement to;

- release the Primary Health Care Position Statement for the Divisions Network as a final draft for consultation;
- further develop a leadership model for existing and emerging leaders in the Divisions Network;
- a coordinated effort in promoting the need for Government support of increased IM/ ICT capacity, including a Network view of *HealthConnect* to link with the state implementation differences within the Network;
- facilitate input into a national Federal Budget Submission; and
- undertake further work in terms of ascertaining the capacity and planning the co-ordination of communications with GPs at times of crisis (eg pandemic)

For more information on any of the items discussed above, please contact your SBO representative in your state or territory.