

## Media release

# Local decisions in a National Scheme – Regulating health practitioners in Western Australia

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The number of registered health practitioners in Western Australia (WA) has continued to grow over the past year with AHPRA and the National Boards today releasing a report on health practitioner regulation in WA for the year ending 30 June 2016.

There are now 67,384 registered health practitioners in WA, compared with 65,588 in the previous year.

Drawn from the [2015/16 Annual report of AHPRA and the National Boards](#), the report provides a snapshot of registered health practitioners in WA as well as information about our work to keep the public safe. It also includes national comparisons to show how WA compares with national rates.

‘The summary report provides a WA lens on the regulation of health practitioners in Australia,’ said AHPRA CEO Martin Fletcher. ‘It profiles the work of our local AHPRA office in Perth and the important work of health practitioner boards in WA.’

‘It demonstrates the importance of our local arrangements while drawing on the benefits of being part of a national registration scheme.’

Some of the highlights include:

- there are now 67,384 registered health practitioners in WA, compared with 65,588 in the previous year
- WA practitioners accounted for 10.2% of all registered health practitioners in Australia
- there was a 8.1% decrease in notifications in WA compared to a 19.7% national increase
- there were 12 notifications closed after a panel hearing and 36 tribunal decisions finalised during the year
- WA boards and committees took ‘immediate action’ 80 times as an interim step to manage risk to public safety during the year, leading to a restriction on registration in 76 cases, and
- there were 635 cases under active compliance monitoring in WA as at 30 June 2016, accounting for 12.8% of all cases nationally.

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