

**NATIONAL STRATEGIC APPROACH TO MATERNITY SERVICES
PROJECT REFERENCE GROUP**

**Meeting Communiqué
February 2018**

The second meeting of the Project Reference Group (PRG) was held on February 23.

At that meeting the PRG Members noted that David Ellwood and Helen McCarthy have agreed to chair the Advisory Group (AG) and will attend future PRG meetings to provide a link between the PRG and the AG.

Members considered the outcomes from the 2010-2015 Maternity Services Plan and acknowledged the good work undertaken under the Plan including:

- Pregnancy Care Guidelines (formerly known as Antenatal Care Guidelines);
- the Australian Rural Birthing Index (ARBI) toolkit,
- National Maternity Services Capability Framework,
- Core components for hand held record
- Progress with data collections including the National Core Maternity Indicators (NCMIs) and MACCS.

Members also noted the uncompleted actions and their potential for inclusion in the NSAMS. Members discussed potential areas for inclusion in the discussion paper and were awaiting advice from the inaugural meeting of the Advisory Group to help inform the discussion paper. The discussion paper is planned for release in April 2018.

The next meeting of the PRG will be held after the inaugural meeting of the AG.