

Hello IHPA

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Draft Work Program 2017-2018.

I would like to provide some feedback on Program Objective 6 – Support ABF Research and Education, in particular item (C) Support ABF education at a national level.

The program states under this section “ This will include exploring strategies to address health information management workforce shortages across jurisdictions such as through working with tertiary facilities to train new people and develop the required skills”.

There are limited institutions that provide education for Health Information Management. HIMAA provides a Cert IV in Clinical Coding and there are only a few universities now that have a degree in Health Information Management were ABF/Casemix would be covered.

In Tasmania, we have no university option for a Bachelor degree in Health Information Management and with the Curtin University soon to cease their distance education for HIM, it will be extremely difficult to achieve “train new people and develop the required skills” if that education is not available in Tasmania.

Therefore with the education models you propose to develop can consideration be given to non-face-to-face to learning options.

Thank you

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