

Communiqué

Third Meeting of the Council, Migrant and Refugee Health Partnership

17 March 2020

The Council of the Migrant and Refugee Health Partnership held its third meeting via videoconference on 17 March 2020.

Members endorsed the *Interpreter Engagement in General Practice in Australia* report, which is now <u>available</u> on the Migrant and Refugee Health Partnership website.

Members provided an update on ongoing Partnership projects, including the development of the learning modules on working with older people in healthcare and aged care settings.

Members discussed the implications of COVID-19 for the delivery of health services and the particular issues impacting on migrant and refugee communities, including in regional and rural settings, and the provision of interpreting services via telehealth. Further, members discussed the role of the Partnership in advocating for better access to in-language resources, countering misinformation and erroneous advice, and the rise in discrimination.

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