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## **Australian Digital Health Agency appoints first Chief Clinical Adviser (Nursing)**

The Australian Digital Health Agency is delighted to announce the appointment of Karen Booth as its inaugural Chief Clinical Adviser (Nursing). Ms Booth is a highly respected and experienced nurse, with a background in primary care, preventative care, clinical governance and leadership.

Agency CEO Amanda Cattermole PSM said Ms Booth's appointment was a significant milestone for the Agency and the digital health sector, as it augments and strengthens the Agency's clinical leadership alongside the recent appointment of Dr Amandeep Hansra as its Chief Clinical Adviser (Medicine).

"Ms Booth is an influential leader who has been advocating for the role of nurses in digital health for many years. She has been a key contributor to the advancement of digital health in the nursing profession and played a pivotal role in the future of the Australian healthcare system as a member of the Strengthening Medicare Taskforce. I am thrilled to welcome her to the Agency and look forward to her guidance and advice on how to better support the nursing workforce in the adoption and use of digital solutions," Ms Cattermole said.

Ms Booth said she was honoured and excited to join the Agency as its first Chief Clinical Adviser (Nursing) and to work alongside Dr Hansra and other clinical leaders to ensure that nurses' perspectives are included and represented in the Agency's initiatives and programs.

"I have always been dedicated to enhancing health outcomes for Australians, especially in primary and preventative care settings. Nurses play a crucial role in providing safe, high-quality, person-centred care, and I know first-hand that digital health technologies and capabilities can improve their abilities, knowledge and practice," Ms Booth said.

Ms Cattermole said the Chief Clinical Adviser (Nursing) role will enable even greater engagement with the nursing workforce in Australia who make such a significant contribution to the health and wellbeing of Australians.

"Ms Booth will provide us with valuable insights and guidance on how to better support nurses in the adoption of digital health," Ms Cattermole said.

Ms Booth will commence in her role on Monday 30 September 2024 and will serve on the Agency's Senior Executive Committee.

The Australian Digital Health Agency is committed to empowering Australians to access the best healthcare when and where they need it, and in supporting healthcare providers to deliver safer and more efficient care.

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## **About the Australian Digital Health Agency**

When it comes to improving the health of all Australians, the role of digital innovation and connection is a vital part of a modern, accessible healthcare system. Against the backdrop of COVID-19, digital health has seen exponential growth in relevance and importance, making it more pertinent than ever for all Australians and healthcare providers.

Better patient healthcare and health outcomes are possible when you have a health infrastructure that can be safely accessed, easily used and responsibly shared.

To achieve this, the [National Digital Health Strategy](#) is establishing the foundations for a sustainable health system that constantly improves. It underpins and coordinates work that is already happening between governments, healthcare providers, consumers, innovators and the technology industry.

For further information: [www.digitalhealth.gov.au](http://www.digitalhealth.gov.au).

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