



NSW
Therapeutic
Advisory
Group Inc.

Advancing
quality use
of medicines
in NSW

13th October, 2021

Dear NSW TAG members,

NSW TAG is very sad to inform you that NSW Health have decided to move the core functions of NSW TAG from our clinician-led organisation to the CEC. NSW TAG will no longer receive core funding from NSW Health.

NSW TAG has supported and advanced quality use of medicines in NSW Hospitals through our expert network and secretariat for over 30 years. We are proud of the work produced by NSW TAG members and the secretariat during this time with many initiatives being adopted nationally.

NSW TAG is now entering a transition phase until 31/12/2021. We will be liaising with the CEC about the transfer of the recognised essential functions of NSW TAG. These include horizon scanning (replacing TAG Mail), the ongoing pandemic response currently led by the DaTA CoP, the provision of drug and therapeutics advice to MOH and pillars, maintenance of the life-saving drugs register, co-ordination of medicines use evaluations, information sharing between members, guidance for complex areas of therapeutics, and collation and analysis of DTC decisions.

NSW TAG appreciate the importance of our clinical network and has advocated extensively for ongoing funding. Unfortunately, we cannot provide practical support to members without funding for our secretariat. There may be scope to continue some externally funded projects in 2022. We will present a more detailed plan at the NSW TAG meeting on October 20th 2021.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'S. N. Hilmer'.

Prof Sarah Hilmer
Chair, NSW Therapeutic Advisory Group, Management Committee

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'A. A. Bennett'.

Dr Sasha Bennett
Executive Officer, NSW TAG