



## Final Consultation of the Australian Digital Health Capability Framework and Quality in Data and its importance in Connecting Care Guideline

The Australian Digital Health Agency in collaboration with the Australasian Institute of Digital Health (AIDH) released the Australian Digital Health Capability Framework and Quality in Data and Connecting Care Guideline for final consultation with submissions closing on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023. These documents sit within the [Digital Health Capability Action Plan](#).

- The Australian Digital Health Capability Framework (the Framework) serves as a practical guide for both organisations and individuals, offering insights into the skills and knowledge necessary for health workforce to effectively deliver healthcare in an increasingly digital environment. The Framework can be accessed [here](#).
- The Quality in Data and its importance in connecting Care Guideline is a resource aligned to the Australian Digital Health Capability Framework that highlights the importance of data and the quality of data in health and care, and the increasingly significant role it plays in decision making and enabling and connecting care. This guideline is intended for those working in the health and care sectors. The Guideline can be accessed [here](#).

Cancer Council's submission emphasised a connection between the Framework and Cancer Council's vision for cancer data in Australia as documented within Cancer Council's National Data Strategy for Cancer report available [here](#). This vision is for Australia to have a robust performance measurement and reporting system that holds all stakeholders (including governments, payers, health service executives, and clinicians) to account for the delivery of optimal treatment and care for people affected by cancer.

Several elements of the Framework support Cancer Council's vision. These include the need for a qualified and trained workforce, and technology to support complex statistical analytic capability and real-time automated analyses and reporting. Further, the collection of quality data and using data to inform decisions which improve health and health outcomes, as well as enabling individual professionalism in the use of data and advocacy for appropriate use of data and creating collaborations and partnerships.

The submission acknowledged Cancer Council's collaborative work with Cancer Australia and the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare to develop an agreed national cancer data accessibility, consistency, and comprehensiveness of integrated data assets as a priority of the Australian Cancer Plan.