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Information management direction guided by GP needs

ADGP Chair Rob Walters has dismissed outright claims that the body was “competing for scarce money resources” in its position on the continued funding of the General Practice Computing Group.

“This idea is ridiculous. Our position regarding GPCG was based on a considered view as to what was in the best interest of GP in the surgery. As a sector, we need to do whatever will best serve to strengthen and support the information management capacities of general practice,” Dr Walters said.

“Times have changed and we need to change with them. The GPCG served a purpose during an important period in which IM and IT in general practice were developing. But the general practice landscape has altered in a range of ways, because of changes in technology, in government priorities and procedures, and in the requirements and requests of working GPs. The ADGP’s primary concern is finding a way forward that is responsive to this new context.”

ADGP will present an option paper in a meeting of GP groups next month. “None of the options that we will be canvassing involve ADGP being responsible for funds that in the past have maintained the GPCG,” Dr Walters said.

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