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Australia establishes new task force to guide use of AI in public health system

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Aiming to embrace the potential of AI to have a significant impact on healthcare



New South Wales (NSW) Health in Australia has established a new taskforce to inform and guide the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in the public health system. The taskforce, whose membership comprises of senior leaders and subject matter experts from across NSW Health, held its first meeting recently.

Several AI initiatives are already in place throughout NSW Health, including integrated electronic medical records, wound care management, data engineering for complex data analysis, coding automation support, and storeroom stocking and detailing.

The taskforce will play an important role in overseeing the creation of an AI Framework that ensures the safe and successful use of AI within NSW Health.

The framework will aim to embrace the potential of AI to have a significant impact on healthcare and drive transformative change in how we provide and manage healthcare and in further accelerating many aspects of clinical research.

It will also balance the opportunities and benefits presented by AI with consideration and management of potential risks around safety, ethics, privacy, security, and regulation.

The creation of the taskforce will build on the work of the Department of Customer Service, translating the whole of government approach into the healthcare context, as well as aligning with Australian Governments interim response to the Safe and Responsible AI consultation.