Policy Greenhouse Collaboration Initiatives: Project Brief

Expanding Ehealth: two roundtable discussions for the innovation of an Australian digital health skills program

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Policy Context

The rapidly increasing presence of ehealth promises to improve healthcare for all Australians. However, the digital health divide means that vulnerable populations may miss out on accessing ehealth services.

Project

This project will work under the banner of ‘Expanding Ehealth’ to gather a community of practice of academics and policymakers to improve ehealth access for vulnerable populations. Two roundtables will focus on learning from the National Health Service Widening Digital Participation Program to understand how a digital health skills training program might be implemented in Australia.

Expected outcomes

‘Expanding Ehealth' will lay the foundation for further work on establishing a digital health skills training program for vulnerable populations in Australia.