# HIGHLIGHTS

## From the Honorary Secretary

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### SMA Council Retreat 2026

On 29 August 2026, the SMA Council came together to reflect on the Association's past, assess its present position and chart its future direction.

Assisted by an external facilitator, the Council and Secretariat heads of department participated in a series of workshop exercises to identify potential priorities for SMA.

Five key objectives emerged from the discussions:

- To support doctors at every stage of their careers;
- To be known to the public as an advocate for patients;
- To shape healthcare discussions by being a trusted voice and key opinion leader;
- To grow our membership; and
- To strengthen our financial sustainability.

These objectives will help guide SMA's priorities and initiatives over the coming years. As we move forward, the Council remains committed to strengthening the Association's role in supporting doctors, advocating for patients and contributing to the wider healthcare landscape.

### HIA Implementation Guide Version 2.0

In August 2026, the Ministry of Health published version 2.0 of the Health Information Act (HIA) Implementation Guide for Healthcare Providers, which provides essential information to help healthcare providers meet HIA requirements. Members are advised to review the updated document, especially Table 5 from page 15 onwards, which provides a summary of cybersecurity and data security requirements.

The guide can be viewed in full at: https://bit.ly/4zoYjjO. ◆