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# **Northern Adelaide Local Health Network Health Advisory Council Inc. 2016-17 Annual Report**

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This annual report is presented to Parliament to meet the statutory reporting requirements of *the Public Sector Act 2009, the Public Finance and Audit Act 1987 and the Health Care Act 2008* and meets the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular *PC013 Annual Reporting*.

This report is verified to be accurate for the purposes of annual reporting to the Parliament of South Australia.

Submitted on behalf of the Northern Adelaide Local Health Network (NALHN) Health Advisory Council Inc. by

*Per* Stephen Hains

Presiding Member

Signature  A.M. \_\_\_\_\_ Date 29/9/2017  
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## **Section A: Reporting required under the *Public Sector Act 2009*, the *Public Sector Regulations 2010* and the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987***

### **Agency purpose or role**

The Northern Adelaide Local Health Network Health Advisory Council Inc. (also referred to as the Governing Council) was established by the then South Australian Minister for Health and Ageing to undertake an advocacy role on behalf of the community, and to provide advice to the Minister for Health and Northern Adelaide Local Health Network (NALHN) in relation to health matters, amongst other functions.

The constitution is available at [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/nalhn](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/nalhn)

### **Objectives**

The Health Advisory Council undertakes an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

### **Key strategies and their relationship to SA Government objectives**

The Health Advisory Council undertakes an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

### **Agency programs and initiatives and their effectiveness and efficiency**

The Health Advisory Council undertakes an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

### **Legislation administered by the agency**

The Health Advisory Council undertakes an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

### **Organisation of the agency**

The Northern Adelaide Local Health Network Health Advisory Council undertakes an advocacy role on behalf of the North and North-Eastern Adelaide community. The Northern Adelaide Local Health Network provides administrative support to ensure the proper functioning of the Health Advisory Council.

The Governing Council comprises of no fewer than six and not more than eight Members including a Presiding Member.

When making appointments to the Governing Council, the Minister has regard for the need to ensure the membership of the Governing Council has an appropriate mix of skills and expertise required to oversee and provide guidance to the Local Health Network, including:

- Hospital of health service management
- Business management and/or financial management
- Clinical experience
- Health consumer representation
- Health needs of people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent

A current list of members is available at: [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/nalhn](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/nalhn)

**Other agencies related to this agency (within the Minister's area/s of responsibility)**

Northern Adelaide Local Health Network.

**Employment opportunity programs**

The Health Advisory Council undertakes an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

**Agency performance management and development systems**

The Health Advisory Council undertakes an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

**Occupational health, safety and rehabilitation programs of the agency and their effectiveness**

The Health Advisory Council undertakes an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

**Fraud detected in the agency**

Category/nature of fraud	Number of instances
Nil to report.	0

**Strategies implemented to control and prevent fraud**

Health Advisory Councils have specific functions and powers as defined in the *Health Care Act 2008* and the Constitution, including actions that cannot be undertaken without the approval of the Minister.

Health Advisory Councils are instrumentalities of the Crown and subject to relevant Department of Treasury and Finance Treasurer's Instructions.

The Constitution identifies the actions to be undertaken in the event of a conflict of interest. All declared conflicts of interest are reported to the Minister for Health through Northern Adelaide Local Health Network.

Data for the past five years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/northern-adelaide-local-heath-network-governing-council>

### Whistle-blowers' disclosure

Number of occasions on which public interest information has been disclosed to a responsible officer of the agency under the *Whistle-blowers' Protection Act 1993* 0

Data for the past five years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/northern-adelaide-local-heath-network-governing-council>

### Executive employment in the agency

Executive classification	Number of executives
None	0

Data for the past five years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/northern-adelaide-local-heath-network-governing-council>

### Consultants

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged by the agency, the nature of work undertaken and the total cost of the work undertaken.

Consultants	Purpose	Value
All consultancies below \$10,000 each Nil		0
<b>Consultancies above \$10,000 each</b> Nil		0
<b>Total all consultancies</b> Nil		0

Data for the past five years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/northern-adelaide-local-heath-network-governing-council>

See also <https://www.tenders.sa.gov.au/tenders/index.do> for a list of all external consultancies, including nature of work and value. See also the Consolidated Financial Report of the Department of Treasury and Finance <http://treasury.sa.gov.au/> for total value of consultancy contracts across the SA Public Sector.

### **Financial performance of the agency**

The NALHN Health Advisory Council Inc. does not have an allocated budget and has not incurred any expenditure in the 2016-17 financial year.

Board fees are paid by NALHN, and therefore included in their audited financial statements for the 2016-17 financial year.

### **Other financial information**

Nil to report.

### **Other information requested by the Minister(s) or other significant issues affecting the agency or reporting pertaining to independent functions**

Nil to report.

## Section B: Reporting required under any other act or regulation

### Health Care Act 2008

Part 4 Health Advisory Councils, Division 2 Functions and Powers, 18 Functions

- (a) To act as an advocate to promote the interests of the community
- (b) To provide advice about any relevant aspect of the provision of health services from the perspective of consumers of those services, any carers or volunteers or community more generally.
- (c) To provide advice about relevant health issues, goals, priorities, plans and other strategic initiatives

In line with Part 4, Division 2, 18(a),(b) and (c) of the *Health Care Act 2008*, the Governing Council's activities during the 2016/2017 financial year have included the following:

- The Governing Council was instrumental in the forming of a partnership the Hospital Foundation and Northern Adelaide Local Health Network.
- The Governing Council provided advice on NALHN's Risk Management Plan, including highlighting emerging risks for NALHN.
- The Governing Council provided advice on NALHN's Business Continuity Planning Processes.
- The Governing Council provided advice on the establishment of a Child Protection Unit at the Lyell McEwin Hospital.
- The Governing Council reviewed and made comment upon the Governing Council Constitution
- The Governing Council reviewed and commented on the Service Level Agreement

### Reporting required under the *Carers' Recognition Act 2005*

Not Applicable.



## **Section C: Reporting of public complaints as requested by the Ombudsman**

### **Summary of complaints by subject**

A whole of SA Health response is provided in the Department for Health and Ageing 2016-17 Annual Report, which can be accessed on the [SA Health website](#).

### **Complaint Outcomes**

A whole of SA Health response is provided in the Department for Health and Ageing 2016-17 Annual Report, which can be accessed on the [SA Health website](#).

## **Appendix: Audited financial statements 2016-17**

The NALHN Health Advisory Council Inc. does not have an allocated budget. Expenditure relating to Board fees are paid by NALHN, and therefore included in their audited financial statements for the 2016-17 financial year.