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Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network

Freedom of Information – Information Statement 2026/27

The following information is published pursuant to Section 9 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the Act)

Freedom of Information (FOI)

The objects of the Act are:

- To promote openness in government and accountability of Ministers of the Crown and other government agencies and thereby to enhance respect for the law and further the good government of the State:
- To facilitate more effective participating by members of the public in the processes involved in the making and administration of laws and policies:
- To ensure that records held by government concerning the personal affairs of members of the public are not incomplete, incorrect, out of date or misleading.

The Act encourages disclosure of information to the public, subject to such restrictions within the Act as are necessary to protect legitimate agency, public and private interests.

Making a Freedom of Information application

Application forms to request information under the FOI Act or to request amendment of personal records can be obtained by contacting the FUNLHN FOI Service (contact details below), visiting the FUNLHN website, downloading an application form from the State Records website or lodging an online application.

An application for access lodged under the FOI Act costs $42.00 payable to the agency, and additional processing charges may also be incurred.

In certain cases, a reduction of fees and charges may apply.

An application for amendment of personal records is free of charge.

Agency's functions and structure as at 30 June 2024 FUNLHN provides public health services including hospital, outpatient and community services to a population of more than 44,000 people across the Flinders Ranges, Upper Spencer Gulf and the Far North of South Australia.

FUNLHN consists of five hospitals located in Port Augusta, Whyalla, Quorn, Hawker and Roxby Downs and a health service/clinic in Leigh Creek. Country Health Connect services are available throughout the Local Health Network (LHN). The FUNLHN footprint encompasses a diverse region with remote, rural and urban communities. These communities are composed of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, pastoralists, farmers, miners and migrant populations.

Public Participation

Consumers provide advice and feedback to FUNLHN to ensure greater transparency in decision-making,

and to ensure greater accountability to the community. The FUNLHN Consumer Community Engagement Committee of the Board exists to ensure a strategic, effective and coordinated organisational approach is undertaken to community engagement, participation and partnerships to improve the health and wellbeing of the population.

FUNLHN's Partnering with Consumers Committee (PWC) is a 'Lead committee' established to ensure there are clear and diverse consumer and community voices integrated into all services. It also advises Executive and ensures there are systems in place to assist FUNLHN to achieve our operating principle: "To Listen, Act, Make Better, Together".

FUNLHN co-designs its health service with consumers throughout all stages and processes of planning, design, delivery, measurement and evaluation of care, from an individual to a state wide level.

Community feedback is sought to deliver effective review and evaluation of health services and improvement of patient experience and health outcomes.

Governance of the Agency

The FUNLHN Governing Board is the peak governing body of FUNLHN with oversight responsibilities for FUNLHN's strategy, risk, compliance and performance. The Board meets bimonthly and utilises Clinical Governance; Community Engagement; Audit and Risk, and Finance and Performance Committees to ensure it delivers on its obligations as stated in the *Health Care Act 2008* (SA) and *Health Care (Governance Reform) Act 2018* (SA). FUNLHN's Executive Committee is the most senior operational decision-making body. It meets on a number of occasions per month to monitor and review FUNLHN's performance in relation to our five management domains of safety, quality, delivery, people and cost.

Whilst the agency's board meetings are not open to the public the agenda's meetings are published and can be found at:

https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/about+us/our+local+health+networks/flinders+and+upper+north+local+health+network/flinders+and+upper+north+local+health+network+board

The agency's documents

FUNLHN utilises the Department of Health and Wellbeing policy documents.

These can be broadly defined into the following areas:

- Data and information
- Financial management
- Human resource management
- Procurement and asset management.

The following documents are held by FUNLHN:

- Patient Medical Records and Medical Imaging
- Corporate files containing correspondence, memoranda, minutes, etc., regarding all aspects of the agency's operations.
- Personnel files relating to FUNLHN employees
- Accounting and financial records relating to the administration of the agency
- Contracts

Disclosure log – Public FOI applications

In accordance with the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045 of October 2017 – Disclosure logs for non-personal information released through FOI for all government agencies have been established. To view the disclosure log for FUNLHN and other SA Health sites go to:

https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/about+us/accessing+information/freedom+of+information

Contact details for FUNLHN FOI Services

FOI applications and enquires can be made directly to FUNLHN FOI Service, via email or by phoning during business hours.

FOI officers can assist applicants to lodge an FOI application and can explain the FOI process:

Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network

Freedom of Information Office

71 Hospital Road

PORT AUGUSTA SA 5700

Phone: (08) 8668 7702

Email: Health.FUNLHNFOI@sa.gov.au

The internet site at www.sahealth.sa.gov.au provides an overview of FUNLHN's roles and functions and contains media releases, service provider details, publications and news items.

Documents available for purchase from the agency

There are no documents currently available for purchase from FUNLHN.

For more information

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