Dear [Name]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPLICATION

I refer to your application pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act 1991 (FOI Act), received by the Southern Adelaide Local Health Network (SALHN) on 17 July 2018, in which you sought access to;

Any documents regarding the re-establishment of an Acute Medical Ward at Noarlunga Hospital, from 18 March 2018

I advise that, following extensive searches conducted throughout the agency, two documents have been found. I have determined that one document is exempt under the FOI Act, schedule 1 clause 1 which states:

1—Cabinet documents
(1) A document is an exempt document—
   (a) if it is a document that has been specifically prepared for submission to Cabinet (whether or not it has been so submitted); or
   (b) if it is a preliminary draft of a document referred to in paragraph (a); or
   (c) if it is a document that is a copy of or part of, or contains an extract from, a document referred to in paragraph (a) or (b); or
   (e) if it contains matter the disclosure of which would disclose information concerning any deliberation or decision of Cabinet; or
   (f) if it is a briefing paper specifically prepared for the use of a Minister in relation to a matter submitted, or proposed to be submitted to Cabinet.

The subject document was prepared for submission to Cabinet by the Minister for Health and Wellbeing and therefore is exempt from disclosure.

With regard to the second document, I have determined that partial access be granted. Certain information contained in this document is deemed to be out of scope of your application and has therefore been removed.
Please find enclosed a copy of a briefing to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing from the Chief Executive Officer, SALHN.

If you are unhappy with this determination you are entitled to apply for an internal review in accordance with section 29 of the FOI Act. To make an internal review application, please write to the Chief Executive Officer, SALHN within 30 (calendar) days after you received this letter. I have enclosed a copy of ‘Your Rights to Review and Appeal’ which outlines your review options.

In accordance with Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045 Disclosure Logs for Non-Personal Information Released through FOI, it will be necessary to publish on the SA Health website a summary of your application, this notice of determination (with your details redacted) and a copy of, or link to, the documents released to you.

Yours sincerely

Ms M King
Accredited Freedom of Information Officer

August 2018

Encl: 1. Rights to Review and Appeal
YOUR RIGHTS TO REVIEW AND APPEAL

1. Internal Review

Under s29 and s38 of the Freedom of Information Act (SA) 1991, if you are dissatisfied or "aggrieved" with certain decisions or "determinations" of the Southern Adelaide Local Health Network (SALHN) you can apply for an internal review of the determination.

To apply for an internal review of a determination you must write a letter or lodge and internal review application form with SALHN within 30 days of being given the determination. A $35.00 application fee applies to all requests for an internal review. If you consider you are entitled to a reduction of the fee, please provide copies of supporting documents with your application. Please send your application for an internal review of a determination to:

Chief Executive Officer, SALHN
cl- Freedom of Information Office
Level 2, Flinders Medical Centre
Flinders Drive
BEDFORD PARK  SA  5042

There is no right to an internal review of an initial determination that is made by the Chief Executive Officer.

2. Investigation by the Ombudsman

If, after an internal review has been completed, you are still dissatisfied with the agency’s determination, you can request an investigation by the Ombudsman of the determination. The Ombudsman is empowered to investigate the conduct of any person or body in relation to a determination made by an agency under this Act. Provided you have had an internal review, you can apply for an investigation by the Ombudsman within 30 days of receipt of the determination from the Internal Review. There is no charge for an investigation by the Ombudsman. Further information is available from:

Office of the Ombudsman
Level 9, 55 Currie Street
ADELAIDE  SA  5000

PO Box 3651
Rundle Mall  SA  5000

Telephone: 08 8226 8699
Facsimile: 08 8226 8602
Toll Free: 1800 182 150

3. Appeal to the South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal

If you are dissatisfied by the determination of SALHN after internal review or after review by the Ombudsman, you can appeal to the South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (SACAT). Applications must be made within 30 days after the relevant determination was given to you, or if you have sought an investigation by the Ombudsman, within 30 days after the results of the Ombudsman investigation of the complaint were reported to you.

The contact details for SACAT are:

SACAT
GPO Box 2361
ADELAIDE  SA  5001
Telephone: 1800723767

Locations: Level 4, 100 Pirie Street
           ADELAIDE  SA  5000
           Level 8, 85 North East Road
           COLLINSWOOD  SA  5081
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MINUTES forming ENCLOSURE to

To: THE OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Submitted by Adjunct Professor Sue O'Neill, Chief Executive Officer Southern Adelaide Local Health Network (SALHN)

☐ Authorised by Dr Christopher McGowan, Chief Executive, SA Health / /

Endorsed by Lynne Cowan, Deputy Chief Executive / /

NOARLUNGA HOSPITAL ELECTION COMMITMENTS

Timing: 25 June 2018

Reason: Request from the Minister for Health and Wellbeing about how SALHN is intending to implement the Government's Noarlunga Hospital Election Commitments

Recommendations: It is recommended that you:

1. Note the contents of this briefing about the Noarlunga Hospital Election Commitments and how they could be implemented across SALHN.

   Noted

   Minister for Health and Wellbeing / /

PURPOSE

• To provide information, as requested by the Minister for Health and Wellbeing, about how SALHN is intending to implement the Government's Noarlunga Hospital Election Commitments.

SUMMARY

• SALHN is in the final weeks of completing a Clinical Services Plan. This highlights the key service needs for SALHN communities as the population grows and changes over the next 15 years.
  o SALHN population growth is expected to increase by 10% (2016-2031) which is 2% less than the state estimated growth, however, the SALHN 70+ age group population is estimated to grow at about 62%. This is about 10% greater than state growth.
  o Due to higher activity in the older age groups although population growth is estimated to increase by 10% estimated activity is projected to increase by 25%.

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This will require innovative ways to manage increasing patient demand and provides the opportunity to pilot new models of care at Noarlunga Hospital focused on the older person.

1. Election Commitment: Establish a 12 bed acute medical ward at Noarlunga Hospital

- Noarlunga Hospital is currently fully occupied. The establishment of a 12 bed acute medical unit would require either the substitution of other work at Noarlunga Hospital or a capital build to support additional beds.
- A capital build is possible but would have significant financial implications.
- Substitution of existing Noarlunga Hospital ward activity is being considered as part of the Repat Precinct reactivation.
  - Noarlunga Hospital currently has two Geriatric Evaluation and Management Wards (GEM), one Mental Health ward and a surgical short stay space.
  - One of the GEM wards (Myles Ward) has a focus on behavioural management with many of the patients having tier 3-5 Behavioural and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia (BPSD).
  - There could benefit in the co-location of this group of patients with the tier 5-6 BPSD unit planned for the Repat precinct. Whilst geriatric support would be required, shared models with geriatricians and psychiatrists could provide significant benefit to the patient population.
- If the Myles ward at Noarlunga Hospital was vacant there would be opportunity to pilot a new acute medical and geriatric model of care whereby sub specialty and in-reach support could be provided within a 32 bed extended care ambulatory setting between 0800-2200.
  - The challenge of having a traditional acute medical ward at Noarlunga Hospital is the clinical infrastructure and sub specialty services that would be required 24/7. This is further compromised by workforce challenges in managing emergency on call afterhours across multiple sites.
  - Currently patient groups requiring specialist input including medical, orthopaedic and plastics are sent to Flinders Medical Centre (FMC) to be reviewed in the Emergency Department (ED) and then admitted or discharged. This causes significant delay in up-transfer as well as delay at FMC ED to be re-assessed.
- A new model where appropriate acute medical and subspecialty support is provided in an extended day/evening unit could have significant benefit for patient care and provide a range of 'wrap around' services to avoid overnight hospital requirements.
  - Referrals could be received from General Practitioners thereby avoiding the need for an ED presentation or via direct referral from ED.
  - The Unit could form a community hub specialising in the needs of the older person and linking into existing community and Non-Government Organisation (NGO) supports.
  - The model has the potential to significantly improve health outcomes and be provided in a more cost effective and patient focused model than a traditional 'specialty focused' overnight ward.
SA HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE

- N/A

BACKGROUND

- Information requested by the Minister for Health and Wellbeing prior to a tour of Noarlunga Hospital on 26 June 2018

COSTING COMMENT

- There are cost implications associated with some the election commitments.

IMPACTS ON ANOTHER CEO OR DCE OR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- N/A

ADVICE FROM OTHERS

- N/A

ATTACHMENT(S)

- N/A

Adjunct Professor Susan O'Neill
Chief Executive Officer
Southern Adelaide Local Health Network

June 2018

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