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2020-21 Annual Report**

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To:

Hon Stephen Wade MLC

Minister for Health and Wellbeing

This annual report will be presented to Parliament to meet the statutory reporting requirements of *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 Quorn Health Services Health Advisory Council by:

Caroline Walters
Presiding Member

Date 16/9/2021

Signature



From the Presiding Member



The 2020/2021 year has proved to be difficult for everyone in the Health Service and yet our Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network have met the challenge.

Two new members of the community have joined our Health Advisory Council during this period. Bronwyn Millington, who is the Diversional Therapist at Flinders House and Eric Brown who has joined as a community representative, even though he is the CEO of the Flinders Ranges Council. His experience is welcomed.

The Health Advisory Council during this period has endeavoured to have open communication between the Community and the Health Service. During the year presentations have been made to various groups regarding the preferred method of communication. Our local Quorn Out and About Facebook page has proved to be very successful in keeping the community up to date.

Again, our area suffers from a General Practitioner shortage and our community is collectively working towards addressing this issue. Recruiting and retaining high quality staff is a challenge at the best of times but it has proved to be particularly difficult this year.

Planning for a forum began early in the year to engage with the community regarding community nursing via Country Health Connect. It is expected that there will be a good attendance. This is another example of HAC going out into the community to ensure their needs are met.

Our Constitution was ratified this year and will prove an excellent framework as we move forward.

As Presiding Member, I have attended various meetings during the year including Community Engagement Framework, Presiding Members Panel and Community Engagement Committee of the Board.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Caroline Walters'.

Caroline Walters

Quorn Health Services Health Advisory Council

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Overview: about the agency

Our strategic focus

Our Purpose	The Health Advisory Council was established by the then Minister for Health and Ageing to undertake an advocacy role on behalf of the community and to provide advice in relation to health matters, amongst other functions. The constitution is available at – www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/QuornHAC
Our Vision	Not applicable
Our Values	Not applicable
Our functions, objectives and deliverables	The Health Advisory Council undertakes an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

Our organisational structure

Membership of the Health Advisory Council can include:

- Up to eight community members
- Nominee of Local Government
- A local Member of Parliament or their nominee
- A medical practitioner member
- A worker from the Local Health Network

A list of current members is available at:

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/QuornHAC

Changes to the agency

During 2020-2021 there were no changes to the agency's structure and objectives as a result of internal reviews or machinery of government changes.

Our Minister

Hon Stephen Wade MLC is the Minister for Health and Wellbeing in South Australia.

The Minister oversees health, wellbeing, mental health, ageing well, substance abuse and suicide prevention.



Our Executive team

Not applicable

Legislation administered by the agency

Not applicable

Other related agencies (within the Minister's area/s of responsibility)

Port Augusta, Roxby Downs, Woomera Health Advisory Council

Hawker District Memorial Health Advisory Council

Leigh Creek Health Services Health Advisory Council

Whyalla Hospital and Health Services Health Advisory Council

The agency's performance

Performance at a glance

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

Agency contribution to whole of Government objectives

Key objective	Agency's contribution
More jobs	Not applicable
Lower costs	Not applicable
Better Services	Not applicable

Agency specific objectives and performance

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

Agency objectives	Indicators	Performance
Not applicable		

Corporate performance summary

Not applicable

Employment opportunity programs

Program name	Performance
Not applicable	

Agency performance management and development systems

Performance management and development system	Performance
Not applicable	

Work health, safety and return to work programs

Not applicable

Executive employment in the agency

Not applicable

Financial performance

Financial performance at a glance

As the Quorn Health Services Health Advisory Council is unincorporated, its assets and liabilities are included in the financial report of the Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network Inc.

Statement of Comprehensive Income	Budget \$000s	Actual \$000s	Variation \$000s	Actual \$000s
Total Income	0	0	0	0
Total Expenses	0	0	0	0
Net Result	0	0	0	0
Total Comprehensive Result	0	0	0	0

Statement of Financial Position	Budget \$000s	Actual \$000s	Variation \$000s	Actual \$000s
Current assets	0	0	0	0
Non-current assets	0	0	0	0
Total assets	0	0	0	0
Current liabilities	0	0	0	0
Non-current liabilities	0	0	0	0
Total liabilities	0	0	0	0
Net assets	0	0	0	0
Equity	0	0	0	0

Consultants disclosure

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged by the agency, the nature of work undertaken, and the actual payments made for the work undertaken during the financial year.

Consultancies with a contract value below \$10,000 each

Consultancies	Purpose	\$ Actual payment
Not applicable		

Consultancies with a contract value above \$10,000 each

Consultancies	Purpose	\$ Actual payment
Not applicable		
	Total	

Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/flinders-and-upper-north-local-health-network-funlhn>

See also the [Consolidated Financial Report of the Department of Treasury and Finance](#) for total value of consultancy contracts across the South Australian Public Sector.

Contractors disclosure

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged by the agency, the nature of work undertaken, and the actual payments made for work undertaken during the financial year.

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Contractors	Purpose	\$ Actual payment
Not applicable		

Contractors with a contract value above \$10,000 each

Contractors	Purpose	\$ Actual payment
Not applicable		
	Total	

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The details of South Australian Government-awarded contracts for goods, services, and works are displayed on the SA Tenders and Contracts website. [View the agency list of contracts.](#)

The website also provides details of [across government contracts.](#)

Risk management

Risk and audit at a glance

Not applicable

Fraud detected in the agency

Category/nature of fraud	Number of instances
Not applicable	

NB: Fraud reported includes actual and reasonably suspected incidents of fraud.

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 (for incorporated Health Advisory Councils or Rules (for non-incorporated Health Advisory Councils), 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 Treasurers Instructions.

The Constitutions / Rules identify 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 Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network Inc.

Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/flinders-and-upper-north-local-health-network-funlhn>

Public interest disclosure

Number of occasions on which public interest information has been disclosed to a responsible officer of the agency under the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2018*:

0

Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/flinders-and-upper-north-local-health-network-funlhn>

Note: Disclosure of public interest information was previously reported under the *Whistleblowers Protection Act 1993* and repealed by the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2018* on 1/7/2019.

Reporting required under any other act or regulation

Act or Regulation	Requirement
Health Care Act 2008	Part 4 Health Advisory Councils, Division 2 Functions and Powers, 18 Functions

Include report as per requirement

Act as an advocate to promotion the interests of the community.

- *Provide advice about relevant aspect of the provision of health services, and relevant health issues, goals, priorities, plans and strategic initiatives.*
- *Encourage community participation in programs.*
- *Consult with other bodies that are interested in the provision of health services.*
- *Provide advice to the Minister about any matter referred to it by the Minister or CE.*
- *Participate in consultation or assessment process associated with the selection of senior staff.*
- *Act as trustee and participate in budget discussions and financial management or development processes; and to undertake fundraising activities (incorporated HAC).*
- *Provide advice about the management of resources for health services; and provide assistance with fundraising activities (unincorporated HAC).*

Reporting required under the *Carers' Recognition Act 2005*

Not applicable

The *Carers' Recognition Act 2005* is deemed applicable for the following: Department of Human Services, Department for Education, Department for Health and Wellbeing, Department for Innovation and Skills, Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, South Australia Police and TAFE SA.

Section 7: Compliance or non-compliance with section 6 of the Carers Recognition Act 2005 and (b) if a person or body provides relevant services under a contract with the organisation (other than a contract of employment), that person's or body's compliance or non-compliance with section 6.

Public complaints

Number of public complaints reported

A Regional Health Network response will be provided in the 2020-21 Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network Annual Report, which can be accessed on the [SA Health website](#).

Complaint categories	Sub-categories	Example	Number of Complaints 2020 - 2021
Not applicable			

Additional Metrics	Total
Not applicable	

Data for previous years is available at:

Reference the applicable Regional LHN Data.SA page
<https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/flinders-and-upper-north-local-health-network-funlhn>

Service Improvements

Not applicable

Compliance Statement

Quorn Health Services Health Advisory Council is compliant with Premier and Cabinet Circular 039 – complaint management in the South Australian public sector	N/A
Quorn Health Services Health Advisory Council has communicated the content of PC 039 and the agency’s related complaints policies and procedures to employees.	N/A

Appendix: Audited financial statements N/A