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# **Women's and Children's Health Network Health Advisory Council Inc. 2016-17 Annual Report**

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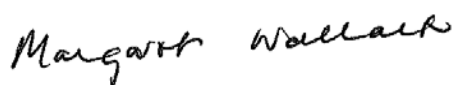
This report is verified to be accurate for the purposes of annual reporting to the Parliament of South Australia.

Submitted on behalf of the Women's and Children's Health Network Health Advisory Council Inc.

Margaret Wallace

Presiding Member, Women's and Children's Health Network

Health Advisory Council Inc.



29 September 2017

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Signature

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Date

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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 Women's and Children's Health Network (WCHN) Health Advisory Council Inc. was established by the Minister for Health and Ageing to perform the key roles of monitoring and providing advice on improving clinical care outcomes within the Health Network. Particular focus is given to local service integration, performance and the safety and quality of services.

The WCHN Health Advisory Council Inc. Constitution is available at <http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/about+us/our+local+health+networks/womens+and+childrens+health+network>

### **Objectives**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Organisation of the agency

Information about the current membership of the WCHN Governing Council can be accessed via the following link.

<http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/about+us/our+local+health+networks/womens+and+childrens+health+network>

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

Not applicable.

## Employment opportunity programs

The WCHN Health Advisory Council consists of volunteers who undertake an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

## Agency performance management and development systems

The WCHN Health Advisory Council consists of volunteers who undertake an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

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

The WCHN Health Advisory Council consists of volunteers who undertake an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

## Fraud detected in the agency

| Category/nature of fraud | Number of instances |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Nil.                     | Nil.                |

## 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), including actions that cannot be undertaken without the approval of the Minister.

Data for the past five years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/4724c016-7a16-496f-8472-1dd11f1c6ca4/resource/5edb7786-2e82-4c20-8f7e-1d4e859e3452/download/fraud-detected-in-the-agency---wchn-health-advisory-council.xlsx>

### 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/4724c016-7a16-496f-8472-1dd11f1c6ca4/resource/383f6ae9-b0df-4953-a5c5-3578c638ceb5/download/whistle-blowers-disclosure---wchn-health-advisory-council.xlsx>

### Executive employment in the agency

The WCHN Health Advisory Council consists of volunteers who undertake an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

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### Consultants

| Consultants                                      | Purpose            | Value |
|--|--------------------|-------|
| All consultancies below \$10,000 each<br>Nil.    | Purpose (combined) | 0     |
| <b>Consultancies above \$10,000 each</b><br>Nil. |                    | 0     |
| <b>Total all consultancies</b><br>Nil.           |                    | 0     |

Data for the past five years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/4724c016-7a16-496f-8472-1dd11f1c6ca4/resource/1bce77eb-c108-441d-9755-05c04f7ed56a/download/consultants---wchn-health-advisory-council.xlsx>

### Financial performance of the agency

Not applicable.

**Other financial information**

Not applicable.

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

Nil.

## 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

During 2016-17 the WCHN Health Advisory Council Inc. met formally on four occasions, with an average meeting duration of two and a half hours.

In addition to these meetings, members of the Health Advisory Council Inc. also attended the following WCHN events:

- Accreditation** - Periodic Review Accreditation Summary
- Launch** - Little Heroes Centre for Robotics and Innovation
- Acknowledgement** - WCHN Volunteer Service Awards
- Opening** - WCHN Immunisation Clinic
- Opening** - SAHMRI Healthy Mothers, Babies and Children Theme at WCHN
- Grand Round** - Enhancing Safety and Quality in Paediatric Services
- Workshop** - National Child Health Informatics Workshop
- Hospital Tour** - Governing Council

During 2016-17 the Governing Council received and reviewed the following documents relevant to their function:

- Report of the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards (ACHS) EQUIPNational Organisation Wide Survey - WCHN
- Save the Children – State of Australia's Mothers
- WCHN Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2016-2019
- WCHN Consumer and Corporate Safety and Quality Report
- SA Health Measuring Consumer Experience Report
- WCHN Reconciliation Action Plan
- WCHN Aboriginal Health Improvement Plan Discussion Paper
- Consumer and Community Engagement Summary 2016.

The Health Advisory Council Inc. had a representative member on the WCHN Consumer and Community Partnership Council.

The Health Advisory Council Inc. had a representative member on the WCHN Audit and Risk Committee.

The Health Advisory Council Inc. had a representative member on the WCHN Gateway Research Review.

The WCHN Health Advisory Council Inc. submitted a response to the WCHN draft Aboriginal Health Improvement Plan Discussion paper, to shape the future directions for Aboriginal health across WCHN, supporting a bold Plan that maximizes the Network's capacity as a key service agency, within a complex system to achieve the best possible health outcomes for Aboriginal babies, children, young people and women.

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