



**WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH  
NETWORK  
HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL INC.  
2017-18 Annual Report**

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Minister for Health and Wellbeing

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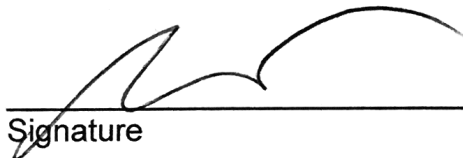
This report is verified to be accurate for the purposes of annual reporting to the Parliament of South Australia.

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

For Margaret Wallace

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

Health Advisory Council Inc.

  
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Signature

Melissa Cadzow, Governing Council Member

  
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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.

### **Objectives**

To provide advice to the Chief Executive Officer of the Women's and Children's Health Network (WCHN) to support the achievement of the WCHN and SA Health strategies. The priority performance policy areas for the Council in the last year have been consumer engagement, Aboriginal Women's and Babies' Health and supporting the development of service models which include the most vulnerable members of the WCHN community.

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

The WCHN Health Advisory Council undertakes an advocacy role on behalf of the community. The Council has focussed on the budget and the setting of the Service Level Agreement with SA Health to achieve government strategic objectives.

### **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**

None

### **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.

**Work health, safety and return to work 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.

**Work health and safety and return to work performance**

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 previous 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 0

has been disclosed to a responsible officer of the agency under the *Whistle-blowers' Protection Act 1993*

Data for the previous 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.

## Consultants

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

Data for the previous 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>

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.

## Contractors

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

Contractor	Purpose	Value
Nil		
<b>Total Contractors</b>		<b>\$0</b>

## 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 2017-18 the WCHN Health Advisory Council Inc. met formally on five 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:

**Launch** • Aboriginal Health Workforce Plan and Aboriginal Workforce Strategy  
• Aboriginal Families Health Research Partnership

**Celebration** – WCHN 140 years, attended by the Minister for Health and Wellbeing and the Governor of SA

**Grand Round** – SA Youth Week event

**WCHN** - Migrant, Refugee and new arrivals Community Expo

**WCHN** Service Excellence Awards 2017

**WCHN** Consumer Engagement Reflections

**WCHN** Distinguished Service Awards

**Recruitment** – the Chair was a panel member in the recruitment process for the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer

During 2017-18 the Governing Council received, reviewed and contributed to the following documents relevant to their function:

- The SA Health Strategic Plan and Early Actions Plan
- The enhanced Model of Care for CaFHS
- WCHN Strategic Media Plan
- WCHN new Governance and Organisation Structure
- Consumer and Community Engagement Summary 2017
- WCHN Volunteer Strategy 2017-2027
- WCHN Paediatric Emergency Department Passport
- SA Health Out of Home Care Model of Care
- Child Protection A Fresh Start Report
- Proposed Bill for Children and Young People –Development, Wellbeing and Early Intervention

The WCHN Health Advisory Council Inc. also contributed to the key topics for the Incoming Government briefs.

The Health Advisory Council Inc. had a representative member on the following WCHN groups and committees:

- Consumer and Community Partnership Council
- Strategic Executive Committee.
- WCHN Audit and Risk Committee.
- Gateway Research Review
- Major Capital Projects Committee



## **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 Wellbeing 2017-18 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 Wellbeing 2017-18 Annual Report which can be accessed on the [SA Health Website](#).

## **Appendix: Audited financial statements 2017-18**

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 2017-18 financial year.