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## **2016-17 Annual Report**

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Minister for Mental Health and Substance Abuse

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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 South Australian Public Health Council by:

Professor Paddy Phillips

Presiding Member, South Australian Public Health Council



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Signature

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**

To ensure the Chief Public Health Officer meets his statutory obligations under section 21 of the *South Australian Public Health Act 2011* (the Act) by providing assistance and advice about a broad range of public health related matters.

### **Objectives**

The South Australian Public Health Council assists and advises the Chief Public Health Officer in relation to:

- The protection and promotion of public health.
- The development and maintenance of a system of strategic planning for public health at the local, regional and state-wide levels.
- The development of health plans.
- Strategies to ensure that a sufficiently trained and skilled workforce is in place for the purposes of the Act.
- Programs to promote public health research in the State.
- The preparation of the biennial Chief Public Health Officer's report.
- The setting of standards and qualifications for authorised officers.
- Any other functions assigned by the Minister or the Chief Public Health Officer.

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

<b>Key strategy</b>	<b>SA Government objective</b>
Assist in meeting statutory obligations under the Act by providing advice and assistance to the Chief Public Health Officer in order to respond to requests relating to public health matters.	South Australian Government Strategic Priority - Safe communities, healthy neighbourhoods.
Promote public health within the State by raising awareness through public health programs and social media.	South Australian Government Strategic Priority - Safe communities, healthy neighbourhoods.

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

Program name	Indicators of performance/effectiveness/efficiency	Comments
Public Health Week 2017	<p>Evaluation of Public Health Week 2017 showed that it was successful in raising awareness about the significant and often behind the scenes role public health plays on a daily basis.</p> <p>Almost 55,000 views of the Public Health Week animation via Facebook.</p> <p>Facebook posts through Public Health Week reached an average audience of over 42,900 people with the largest reach for a single post being 238,000.</p> <p>Over 500 people visited the Rundle Mall and took away information about a broad range of Public Health resources.</p>	Over 35,000 Public Health resources were distributed to the community.
Public Health Policy Development	<p>The South Australian Public Health (Severe Domestic Squalor) Policy 2013 and associated guideline '<i>A Foot in the Door – Stepping Towards solutions to resolve incidents of severe domestic squalor in South Australia</i>' provide a framework for the assessment and management of cases of severe domestic squalor in South Australia.</p> <p>A review of the Policy found it to be an effective tool in supporting public health action in situations of severe domestic squalor.</p> <p>The South Australian Public Health (Clandestine Drug Laboratories) Policy 2016 and the accompanying '<i>Practice Guideline for the Management of Clandestine Drug Laboratories under the South Australian Public Health Act</i>' assists public health authorities ensure that properties used as clandestine drug laboratories do not present a risk to public health.</p> <p>Whilst in its infancy, feedback from public health authorities suggests the Policy and Practice Guideline are providing the mechanisms to successfully reduce the public health risks associated with clan labs.</p>	

## Legislation administered by the agency

The *South Australian Public Health Act 2011* is administered by the Department for Health and Ageing and Local Government.

## Organisation of the agency

The South Australian Public Health Council membership comprises professionals with public health qualifications, experience in the prevention and control of communicable diseases, experience in non-government community sector activities relevant to public health, experience in health promotion, and nominees from the Local Government Association, Environmental Health Australia (SA) Inc and the Environment Protection Authority.

The list of members and deputy members are available on the [SA Health website](#).

Three (3) members of the South Australian Public Health Council are employed by the Department for Health and Ageing.

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

Department for Health and Ageing

## Employment opportunity programs

Program name	Result of the program
Members on the Council who are employed by the Department for Health Ageing (the Department) and Department staff that support the Council participate in the Department's employment opportunity programs	The Department for Health and Ageing Annual Report on the SA Health Website highlights key programs available to staff. Refer to <a href="http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au">www.sahealth.sa.gov.au</a>

## Agency performance management and development systems

Performance management and development system	Assessment of effectiveness and efficiency
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### **Occupational health, safety and rehabilitation programs of the agency and their effectiveness**

<b>Occupational health, safety and rehabilitation programs</b>	<b>Effectiveness</b>
Members on the Council who are employed by the Department for Health Ageing (the Department) and Department staff that support the Council participate in the Department's work, health, safety and rehabilitation programs	The Department for Health and Ageing Annual Report on the SA Health Website highlights key programs available to staff. Refer to <a href="http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au">www.sahealth.sa.gov.au</a>

### **Fraud detected in the agency**

<b>Category/nature of fraud</b>	<b>Number of instances</b>
Nil to Report	0

### **Strategies implemented to control and prevent fraud**

On appointment to the SAPHC, members receive a copy of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet 'Honesty and accountability for members of government boards' and a copy of the Act. Conditions of appointment for members of the SAPHC are clearly set out in section 28 of the Act.

All relevant South Australian Government policies and processes are strictly adhered to and monitored.

SAPHC is an advisory body and the risk of members having the opportunity to commit fraud is negligible.

Data for the past five years is available at: [Data.SA](http://Data.SA)

## 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: [Data.SA](#)

## Executive employment in the agency

Executive classification	Number of executives
All classifications	0

Data for the past five years is available at: [Data.SA](#)

For further information, the [Office for the Public Sector](#) has a [data dashboard](#) for further information on the breakdown of executive gender, salary and tenure by agency.

## Consultants

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

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

Data for the past five years is available at: [Data.SA](#)

See also <https://www.tenders.sa.gov.au/tenders/index.do> for a list of all external consultancies, including nature of work and value. 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.

## Financial performance of the agency

Nil to report



**Other financial information**

Nil to report

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

Not Applicable

**Section B: Reporting required under any other act or regulation**

<p><b>Name and date of act or regulation</b></p> <p><b>South Australian Public Health Act 2011</b></p>
<p>Part 3-Administration Division 3-South Australian Public Health Council</p> <p><b>35—Annual Report</b></p> <p>(1) SAPHC must, on or before 31 October in each year, provide to the Minister a report on its activities for the financial year ending the preceding 30 June.</p>
<p>In 2016-17 the South Australian Public Health Council considered a range of matters, of note were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chief Public Health Officer’s Report (July 2014 – June 2016)</li> <li>▪ Public Health Week 2017</li> <li>▪ Minister for Health – Excellence in Public Health Awards</li> <li>▪ State Public Health Policies             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– South Australian Public Health (Severe Domestic Squalor) Policy 2013 and associated guideline</li> <li>– South Australian Public Health (Clandestine Drug Laboratories) Policy 2016 and associated guideline</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Public Health Review Panel</li> <li>▪ South Australian Public Health Indicators Framework</li> </ul> <p>Details of the matters considered by the South Australian Public Health Council are available on the <a href="#">SA Health website</a>.</p>

## **Reporting required under the *Carers' Recognition Act 2005***

The *Carers' Recognition Act* is deemed applicable for the following: Department for Communities and Social Inclusion, Department for Education and Child Development, Department for Health and Ageing, Department of State Development, 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.*

Not Applicable

## Section C: Reporting of public complaints as requested by the Ombudsman

### Summary of complaints by subject

<b>Public complaints received by South Australian Public Health Council</b>	
<b>Category of complaints by subject</b>	<b>Number of instances</b>
Nil to report	0

Data for the past five years is available at: [Data.SA](#)

### Complaint outcomes

<b>Nature of complaint or suggestion</b>	<b>Services improved or changes as a result of complaints or consumer suggestions</b>
Nil to report	Nil to report

## **Appendix: Audited financial statements 2016-17**

The South Australian Public Health Council is unincorporated and therefore does not provide financial statements.