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Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Freedom of Information Notice of Determination

I refer to your request under Section 13 of the Freedom of Information Act 1991 for "any and all emailed directives, staff bulletins and/or other forms of communication to staff that mention 'EPAS', 'PAS', 'Sunrise', and/or 'Allscripts'".

Two (2) documents were identified as falling within the scope of your application:

1. NALHN Bulletin dated 8 November 2018 regarding the EPAS Independent Review
2. NALHN Bulletin dated 27 February 2019 Introducing Sunrise: SA Health electronic medical record.

I have today determined, under Section 23 of the FOI Act, to provide you with full access to these two documents.

Following clarification with one of your staff members via telephone on 8 April 2019 that you were seeking documents sent internally by NALHN and by the Department, as indicated in letter of 12 April 2019 I have partially transferred your application to the Department for Health and Wellbeing for it to deal with the bulletins and communications it sent to all staff.

Please note, where access is given to non-personal information in accordance with the FOI Act, agencies are required to publish a summary of the application and the documents that have been released (with the exception of exempt information and the applicant's personal information) on the agency's website in the form of a disclosure log. The policy that authorises this is Cabinet Circular PC045.

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 either write a letter or send an internal review application form (available on-line at www.archives.sa.gov.au) to the Chief Executive Officer of this agency, within 30 (calendar) days after you receive this letter.

If you have any further queries or require clarification on any of the above please telephone the Freedom of Information Office on: 8282 0395 or email Health.NALHNFOI@sa.gov.au

Yours sincerely


Rachel Kelly
Freedom of Information Officer
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Wednesday, 27 February 2019

Introducing Sunrise: SA Health electronic medical record

I would like to provide you with an update about recent changes to the Enterprise Patient Administration System (EPAS), which was fully or partly in use across a number of SA Health sites including the Royal Adelaide Hospital, Hampstead Rehabilitation Centre and Port Augusta Hospital.

Last week, all affected SA Health facilities, including those mentioned above, commenced operations with the new Sunrise Electronic Medical Record (EMR) and Sunrise Patient Administration System (PAS).

Whilst this system is not currently active at the Northern Adelaide Local Health Network (NALHN), I'm conscious many of you do work across multiple sites where this upgrade (from version 14.3 to version 17.3) may impact or influence how you work.

Functionality changes include, and may impact on processes for, the following

- > Patient registration and administration
- > Emergency department staff
- > Cancer staging
- > Clinical documents.

The upgrade is also the first of many recommendations made by the Independent Review into the former EPAS solution to be completed.

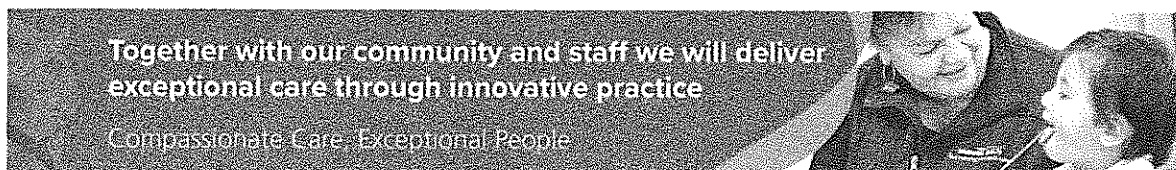
A new project board is currently being formed and will meet for the first time in March. The Board will provide governance over electronic medical records for SA Health and will work closely with LHNs to ensure there is greater local stewardship in this area.

The Sunrise EMR and Sunrise PAS upgrade provide a platform for NALHNs ambition to introduce new functionality to support business practices and our capability to value patient time. Actions are also underway to constitute 11 new clinical specialty advisory committees that will advise on the future configuration of the Sunrise platform.

As work to phase in the new naming protocol continues across SA Health's online platforms, such as updating relevant training materials and electronic applications, staff can continue to access updated user support materials via [the SA Health intranet](#).

Maree Geraghty
Chief Executive Officer
Northern Adelaide Local Health Network

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Please circulate this information to staff in your area who do not have access to email and display on appropriate notice boards. Thank you.



Thursday 8 November 2018

EPAS Independent Review

On 30 March 2018 the future implementation of the Enterprise Patient Administration system (EPAS) was paused pending an independent review to determine the best options for delivering a fully integrated electronic health record across the South Australian public health system.

An independent expert panel was appointed to conduct the review, and comprises Chair, Shane Solomon, former Commonwealth Chief Medical Officer, Professor Chris Baggoley, and health informatics expert Dr Malcolm Thatcher.

The Review team met with multiple stakeholders and users of EPAS over the past two months. It has also analysed numerous documents and conducted international benchmarking of other electronic medical record systems.

As part of the process, the Review Panel summarised the issues it has heard and discovered in the EPAS Program, in a Consultation Paper on the Independent Review of South Australia's Enterprise Patient Administration System (EPAS).

As staff would be aware, EPAS is yet to be implemented across NALHN but I believe this is an opportunity to provide our own input into the process and give some feedback about our expectations on what would be best for us as a Network.

I encourage as many staff as possible to share ideas and suggestions regarding technology, and your comments as part of this review by completing the following online survey regarding the EPAS review by cob **Monday 12 November 2018**.

The survey can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T7NG6MN> and should only take five to ten minutes.

Your response would be most valued.

Debbie Chin

Interim Chief Executive Officer

Northern Adelaide Local Health Network

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