

Eyre and Far North Local Health Network

Freedom of Information - Information Statement

The Eyre and Far North Local Health Network (EFNLHN) is committed to being open and accountable about the information it holds in accordance with the South Australian *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (FOI Act). Subject to certain restrictions, this Act gives people a legal right to request access to documents held by the Local Health Network that the FOI Act applies to and information must be made available to people who have a right to it. There are exemptions that apply, particularly concerning privacy.

EFNLHN has arrangements in place for people to request information and have their request considered and determined, in accordance with the law, which are set out in this Statement.

About the Eyre and Far North Local Health Network (EFNLHN)

The Eyre and Far North LHN is part of the South Australian public health system and is an independent statutory body responsible for the planning and delivery of hospital and health services over 337,626 square kilometres, taking in the Eyre Peninsula, western part of South Australia and north to Coober Pedy. We are one of the largest LHNs (by area) in Australia.

An overview of The Eyre and Far North LHNs roles and functions can be found by visiting:

<https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/about+us/our+local+health+networks/eyre+and+far+north+local+health+network/eyre+and+far+north+local+health+network>

EFNLHN is run by a Governing Board which meets bi-monthly; although its meetings are not held in public, the agendas and minutes of those meetings are published. Copies can be found here: <https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/about+us/our+local+health+networks/eyre+and+far+north+local+health+network/eyre+and+far+north+local+health+network+board>

EFNLHN uses SA Health policy documents, which are available on the SA Health website in the policy governance section.

<https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/about+us/governance/policy+governance/about+policy+governance/about+policy+governance>

Documents held by EFNLHN:

- Hospital By-Laws
- Patient Medical Records
- Corporate files containing correspondence, memoranda, minutes, etc., regarding all aspects of agency operations.
- Personnel files relating to EFNLHN employees
- Accounting and financial records relating to the administration of the agency

The objectives of the FOI Act are:

- To promote openness in government and accountability of Ministers of the Crown and other government agencies and thereby to enhance respect for the law and further the good government of the State.
- To facilitate more effective participation by members of the public in the processes involved in the making and administration of laws and policies.
- To ensure that records held by government concerning the personal affairs of members of the public are not incomplete, incorrect, out of date or misleading.

Freedom of Information applications can be made for information seeking:

- individual personal information.
- requests for changes to records of personal information.
- information of interest to the general public.

Applying for information under the FOI Act:

Applications can be made online at <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/about-sa/government/FOI-application> or by contacting the EFNLHN Freedom of Information Officer via the contact details listed below or via the agency' s webpage. Visit the link at:

<https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/about+us/our+local+health+networks/eyre+and+far+north+local+health+network/freedom+of+information+-+eyre+and+far+north+local+health+network>

Fees and Charges:

An application fee of \$42.00 is payable to the Local Health Network and additional processing charges may also apply.

In certain cases, a reduction of fees and charges may apply.

An application for amendment (correction) of personal records is free of charge.

Disclosure log – Public FOI applications

In accordance with the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045 of October 2017 – Disclosure logs for non-personal information released through FOI for all government agencies have been established.

To view the disclosure log for EFNLHN and other SA Health sites go to:

<https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/about+us/accessing+information/freedom+of+information>

For further general information regarding FOI, including where to apply and how health documents can be accessed:

Visit the [SA Health - about Freedom of Information](#) webpage.

EFNLHN Point of contact

The EFNLHN FOI Team can assist applicants to lodge an FOI application, answer enquiries and explain the FOI process. Contact details as follows:

Phone: 0466 549 780

Email: health.EFNLHNFOI@sa.gov.au

Postal address:

Freedom of Information

Eyre and Far North Local Health Network

PO Box 630

PORT LINCOLN SA 5606

Useful links:

If you would like more information on how to request information and the Act, visit:

[State Records of South Australia \(opens in a new window\)](#)

[SA Health FOI Statement \(PDF 78KB\) \(opens in a new window\)](#)

[Ombudsman SA Freedom of Information \(opens in a new window\)](#)

Legislation:

[Freedom of Information Act 1991](#)

[Freedom of Information \(fees and charges\) Regulations 2021](#)