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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 1991 – notice of determination (S.23)

I refer to your application under the Freedom of Information Act, 1991 (FOI Act) received on 14 April 2019 seeking access to:

"All SLS notifications submitted by clinicians working in Lyell McEwin Hospital Emergency Department to the Safety Learning System relating to violence, assault and overcrowding in Lyell McEwin Hospital Emergency Department" for the time frame: 1/1/2019 – 14/4/2019.

As there is no requirement to identify the name or designation of the staff member making the report, it is not possible to separate those incidents reported by clinicians from those reported by nurses or administrative staff. As a result, the attached report details all incidents reported by LMH ED staff. Please note, Code Blacks (violent or aggressive incidents/situations which threaten personal safety) reported separately by security staff were considered to be out-of-scope of your application and have therefore not been included.

The report generated from the Safety Learning System (SLS) falling with the parameters of your request reveals a total of 20 patient and worker incidents relating to violence, assault and/or overcrowding in the Lyell McEwin Hospital (LMH) Emergency Department (ED) reported during the period 1/1/19 – 14/4/19.

While I am proposing to release the SLS report to you, it does contain exempt information. Section 20(4) of the FOI Act provides that if it is practicable to give access to a copy of a document with exempt matter deleted, and it appears that the applicant would wish to be given such a copy, the agency must give access to a copy of the document to this limited extent. Therefore, I have determined to grant you partial access to the SLS report and to deny you access to the information I consider to be exempt.

The reasons I have refused access to certain parts of the SLS report is explained below.

Report numbers SAHI-554469 (13/3/19), SAHI-559844 (29/3/19) and SAHI-564832 (14/4/19) contain patient names. I have removed all names from the report on the basis that it is exempt in accordance with Clause 6 of Schedule 1 of the Freedom of Information Act, 1991. The relevant part of this clause reads as follows:

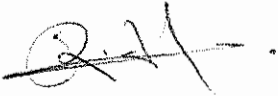
6–Documents affecting personal affairs

- (1) *A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).*

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.

Yours sincerely



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Documents relating to this request are available by contacting

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