



Senior Property Officer
Property Services
Independent Commission Against Corruption
Level 7/255 Elizabeth Street
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Attention: Senior Property Officer

To Whom It May Concern,

I write to you in response to your correspondence of 29 November 2016 concerning the notice for Western Sydney Local Health District to attend and produce a statement of information and documents in relation to matter ref: 15/1982/25/002.

Please find attached a statement responding to the information in Schedule 1 relating to the period between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2015. In addition, a statement regarding the documents requested in Schedule 2 has also been provided. Furthermore, the Property Delivery Advice has also been completed regarding the delivery and disposal of property provided.

If you wish to obtain further information, please contact A/Professor Beth Kotzé, Executive Director Mental Health Services, Western Sydney Local Health District, on Tel: (02) [REDACTED] or Email: [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

Danny O'Connor
Chief Executive

Date:13/12/2016

Response from Western Sydney Local Health District to ICAC Notice to Attend and Produce A Statement Of Information and Documents - Ref: E 15/1982/28/002

The following information is provided relating to period between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2015 against the items listed in Schedule 1 of Ref: E15/1982/28/002

1. A Breakdown of the number of Immigrant Women's Health Service (IWHS) clients seen by Transcultural Mental Health Centre (TMHC) at IWHS centres.

All persons seen at IWHS by TMHC clinicians were registered as TMHC clients. Some clients may have also had service from IWHS for welfare, housing, or other needs, but the TMHC clinical files and database only record mental health related services directly provided by TMHC. Therefore, WSLHD, TMHC is unable to provide details of IWHS clients as information on another service's clients are not recorded in WSLHD, TMHC clinical records or database.

2. A breakdown of the number of people Dr Eman Sharobeem or IWHS referred to TMHC and the purpose of the referrals made (e.g. for treatment by a psychologist or a counsellor).

Based on information collected from WSLHD, TMHC clinical files and TMHC database, 20 clients are registered as having been referred by Dr Eman Sharobeem or IWHS during the period 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2015. The purpose of the referrals was for assessment, short term counselling, care management and information on mental health and/or where relevant to support pathways to mental health care. It is possible that some of the clients that self-presented to TMHC clinical outreach services at IWHS may have also been clients of IWHS who may have found out about TMHC clinical outreach services through IWHS.

3. Whether the activities of TMHC conducted at IWHS centres were conducted on behalf of IWHS, or whether TMHC just used IWHS office space for TMHC's own purposes.

TMHC activities were not conducted at IWHS centres on behalf of IWHS. IWHS provided TMHC with office space and front desk reception with regards to the clinic. From TMHC's perspective IWHS were able to offer the option of accessing TMHC specialist mental health services by providing geographic convenience for disadvantaged and 'hard to reach' populations. An additional 136 individuals (to the 20 identified in point 2 above) were assisted during the period in question. Other referral sources included: mental health services, GPs, refugee and settlement services, and other related agencies.

4. What type of interviews of IWHS clients, if any, were conducted by TMHC at IWHS centres.

TMHC is unable to provide this information as not recorded in WSLHD, TMHC clinical records or database, i.e., TMHC is unable to determine whether TMHC clients seen at IWHS premises or clients referred to TMHC by IWHS were also clients of IWHS at some time. TMHC services conducted as part of the outreach clinic included assessment, short term counselling, care management and information on mental health and/or where relevant to support pathways to mental health care. The number of sessions conducted by TMHC with individuals may have been singular, few or multiple.

5. What were the qualifications of TMHC counsellors who provided counselling services to IWHS clients (e.g. psychiatrist, psychologist, counsellor, etc)

Counsellor/Clinician 1: Registered Psychologist, BA (Psych Major), Master of Arts (Psychology)

Counsellor/Clinician 2: Registered Nurse

Counsellor/Clinician 3 & 4: Provisional Psychologists with TMHC Psychology Intern Program (during period in question) whose work was overseen by Principal Supervisor Clinical Psychologist, B.A (Hons), M.Psychol.

Counsellor 5: Social Worker, BSW, Bachelor of Social Science/Youth Work, Master of Counselling, Master of Sexual Health, Dip in Couple & Family Therapy

6. Who funded the counselling sessions conducted by TMHC at IWHS.

The counselling sessions were funded by TMHC resources from NSW Health via the former Sydney Western Area Health Service followed by the Western Sydney Local Health District.

Note: Provisional Psychologists were not paid employees. However, funds were expended for oversight (by Principal Supervisor Clinical Psychologist) of the sessions conducted by the TMHC provisional psychologists at IWHS.

The following information is provided relating to period between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2015 against the items listed in Schedule 2 of Ref: E15/1982/28/002.

1. Any memorandum of understanding or any other agreements entered into by TMHC and IWHS between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2015

The WSLHD Mental Health Executive or the TMHC Centre Manager is not aware of any MOUs or any other agreements entered into by TMHC and IWHS between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2015. The TMHC used office space at IWHS premises (at no cost to former SWAHS or WSLHD) to extend TMHC clinical outreach services. The IWHS provided front desk reception to clients seen by TMHC at IWHS (at no cost to former SWAHS or WSLHD).

2. Any documents provided by TMHC to IWHS between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2015 for the purpose of being used in IWHS annual reports.

The WSLHD Mental Health Executive or the TMHC Centre Manager is not aware of any documents provided by TMHC to IWHS between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2015 for purpose of being used in IWHS annual reports.