

Mental Health Act 2009

Authorised Officers

As published in the South Australian Government Gazette No. 35 on 30 May 2017, the following classes of people have been determined by the Chief Psychiatrist as Authorised Officers for the purposes of the *Mental Health Act 2009* commencing from 5 June 2017:

Central Adelaide Local Health Network

- Mental health service employed mental health clinicians: Occupational Therapists, Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Registered Nurses and Social Workers.
- Emergency Department employed Medical Practitioners (Resident and above) and permanent Registered Nurses (level 1 and above).

Country Health SA Local Health Network

- Mental health service employed mental health clinicians: Occupational Therapists, Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Registered Nurses and Social Workers.
- Country hospital employed Registered Nurses (levels 1, 2 and 3) and the After Hours Coordinator as authorised by the Director of Nursing and Midwifery of that hospital.

Department of Correctional Services

- Experienced Correctional Officers authorised by the General Manager of a prison.

Headspace Adelaide

- Youth Early Psychosis Programme employed Registered Nurses (levels 1, 2 and 3) and the After Hours Coordinator as authorised by the Clinical Director, Headspace Adelaide.

MedSTAR

- Medical Practitioners, Paramedics and Registered Nurses.

Medical Practitioners practicing in South Australia.

Private Psychiatrists practicing in South Australia.

Northern Adelaide Local Health Network

- Mental health service employed mental health clinicians: Occupational Therapists, Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Registered Nurses and Social Workers.
- Emergency Department employed Emergency Medical Practitioners (Registrar and above), Emergency Department Resident Medical Practitioners, Senior Medical Practitioners and Emergency Registered Nurses (level 1 and above).

Ramsay Health Care

- Mental health service employed mental health clinicians: Occupational Therapists, Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Registered Nurses and Social Workers.
- Registered Nurses and Enrolled Nurses (with at least 3 years' experience in a mental health service).

Royal Flying Doctor Service

- Medical Practitioners and Registered Nurses.

SA Ambulance Service

- Employee or volunteer Ambulance Officers authorised by the Chief Executive Officer of the SA Ambulance Service.

SA Prison Health Service

- Medical Practitioners and Registered Nurses.

Southern Adelaide Local Health Network

- Mental health service employed mental health clinicians: Occupational Therapists, Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Registered Nurses and Social Workers.
- Emergency Department employed Emergency Medical Practitioners (Registrar and above), Senior Medical Practitioners and Registered Nurses (who have received authorised officer training).

Women's and Children's Health Network

- Mental health service employed mental health clinicians: Occupational Therapists, Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Registered Nurses and Social Workers.
- Emergency Department employed Paediatric Medical Practitioners (Resident and above), Senior Medical Practitioners and Registered Nurses (level 2 and above).

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