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COMMUNITY VISITOR SCHEME

Report under section 52B of the *Mental Health Act 2009*

1 October 2022 - 31 December 2022

I publish the following report as required under section 52B(6) of the *Mental Health Act 2009* for the reporting period of 1 October 2022 to 31 December 2022.

This report provides information about all visits undertaken by audiovisual or other electronic means for the relevant reporting period.

Visits are undertaken by the Principal Community Visitor and Community Visitors (collectively described as the ***Community Visitor Scheme***).

This report may be accessed at www.communityvisitorscheme.sa.gov.au

Visits by the Community Visitor Scheme that have occurred by audiovisual or other electronic means

The Community Visitor Scheme has undertaken 2 visits for the reporting period, comprised as follows:

1. Visits under the *Mental Health Act 2009*

| Method of visit | Date of visit | Name of premises |
|-----------------|---------------|---|
| Video | 12/10/2022 | Queen Elizabeth Hospital (ED & SSU) |
| Video | 21/12/2022 | Community Mental Health Service – Whyalla |

In-person visits to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and Royal Adelaide Hospital, resumed from November 2022.

2. Visits under the *Disability Services (Community Visitor Scheme) Regulations 2013*

Nil. There were no visits undertaken by audiovisual or other electronic means during this reporting period.

Reasons why each such visit or inspection occurred by audiovisual or other electronic means

The CVS is required to visit and inspect mental health treatment centres and authorised community mental health facilities bi-monthly. The CVS also undertakes annual visits and inspections of state funded disability services accommodation. Visits must be conducted by the Principal Community Visitor or Community Visitors in person.

Section 52B of the *Mental Health Act 2009* allows a Community Visitor to undertake a visit or inspection by audiovisual or other electronic means, if in the opinion of the Principal Community Visitor, it is not reasonably practical for a community visitor to physically visit or enter the relevant premises.

The reasons that a physical visit or inspection may not be reasonably practical include the need to prevent the spread of contagious diseases (section 52B(2)(c) of the *Mental Health Act 2009*).

The CVS will continue to undertake a mix of in person and audiovisual visits, to meet the changing circumstances of each premises.

Anne Gale

Principal Community Visitor

11 January 2023