

Media release

Local decisions in a National Scheme – Regulating health practitioners in South Australia

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The number of registered health practitioners in South Australia (SA) has continued to grow over the past year with AHPRA and the National Boards today releasing a report on health practitioner regulation in SA for the year ending 30 June 2016.

There are now 53,119 registered health practitioners in SA, compared with 52,192 in the previous year.

Drawn from the [2015/16 Annual report of AHPRA and the National Boards](#), the report provides a snapshot of registered health practitioners in SA as well as information about our work to keep the public safe. It also includes national comparisons to show how SA compares with national rates.

‘The summary report provides an SA lens on the regulation of health practitioners in Australia,’ said AHPRA CEO Martin Fletcher. ‘It profiles the work of our local AHPRA office in Adelaide and the important work of health practitioner boards in SA.’

‘It demonstrates the importance of our local arrangements while drawing on the benefits of being part of a national registration scheme.’

Some of the highlights include:

- there are now 53,119 registered health practitioners in SA, compared with 52,192 in the previous year
- SA practitioners accounted for 8.1% of all registered health practitioners in Australia
- there was a 23.4% increase in notifications in SA compared to a 19.7% national increase
- there were nine notifications closed after a panel hearing and 16 tribunal decisions finalised during the year
- SA boards and committees took ‘immediate action’ 84 times as an interim step to manage risk to public safety during the year, leading to a restriction on registration in 65 cases, and
- there were 452 cases under active compliance monitoring in SA as at 30 June 2016, accounting for 9.1% of all cases nationally.

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