

Privacy Management Annual Report 2021-22

Reporting requirements

This report is produced by the NSW Agency for Clinical Innovation (ACI) in accordance with Ministry of Health annual reporting requirements regarding privacy matters.

Part 1. Compliance activities

The NSW Agency for Clinical Innovation is committed to meeting its privacy obligations under the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 and the Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002 through appropriate governance and the provision of privacy information, training and support to staff.

The ACI provides ongoing privacy information and support to its staff through:

- Provision of privacy awareness sessions for new staff.
- Development of a privacy intranet website which provides staff with access to:
 - NSW privacy legislation
 - NSW Health Privacy Manual for Health Information
 - NSW Health Privacy Management Plan
 - NSW Statutory Guidelines on Research
 - Details of mandatory and additional online privacy training
 - Links to the NSW eHealth supported Secure File Transfer application
 - Links to external resources including the NSW Information and Privacy Commission
- Access to a privacy information leaflet for staff, electronically or in hardcopy form.
- Online links to privacy information including key legislation, the NSW Health Privacy Manual for Health Information in addition to links to the Information and Privacy Commission on the ACI's public website
<https://www.aci.health.nsw.gov.au/about-aci/privacy>
- Delivery of privacy training, virtually via Microsoft Teams or face to face for new employees, on-line mandatory training and additional on-line privacy training to relevant staff via My Health Learning, on demand, tailored programs.

The ACI's Privacy Contact Officer has continued to provide legislative, policy and compliance support/advice to health service staff, particularly in relation to access to and disclosure of health information.

The Privacy Contact Officer actively participates in privacy networking and professional development and attended privacy information and network sessions during 2021-22 which were facilitated by the NSW Ministry of Health Regulation and Compliance Unit.

Privacy complaints

Privacy complaints are managed in accordance the NSW Health Privacy Internal Review Guidelines.

Part 2. Internal review

The *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* provides a formalised structure for managing privacy complaints relating to this Act and to the *Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002*. This process is known as 'internal review'.

For the 2021-22 reporting year, internal review applications and outcomes can be summarised as follows:

1.	Number of internal review applications carried over from the previous reporting year:	Zero
2.	Number of internal review applications received in the current reporting year:	One
3.	Number of internal reviews where at least one breach of a privacy principle has been found:	Zero
4.	Number of internal reviews appealed in the NSW Civil and Administrative Court (NCAT):	Zero
5.	Number of NCAT matters where judgement found in favour of the agency:	N/A
6.	Number of NCAT matters where judgement found in favour of the applicant:	N/A
7.	Number of NCAT matters awaiting judgement:	N/A

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