

# Entry Permit Holder Report

SafeWork SA

Application ID 20463641

Entry Permit Holder	
<b>Full Name:</b>	Elizabeth Anne Dooley
<b>Permit Number:</b>	ET-24-01021
<b>Union Represented:</b>	South Australian Salaried Medical Officers Association
Worksite Entered	
<b>Business Name:</b>	Mount Barker District Soldiers Memorial Hospital (Emergency Department)
<b>Industry:</b>	Other Health
<b>Address:</b>	87 Wellington Road, Mount Barker SA 5251
<b>Date workplace entered:</b>	1 November 2024

I Elizabeth Anne Dooley am of the opinion that the PCBU has contravened the WHS legislation relating to:			
	Alleged Contravention	More information	Was the contravention rectified?
PCBU Alleged Contravention 1	Not maintaining safe systems of work	Members reported feeling increasingly unsafe and fearful following incidents of escalating often drug-related violence from patients. A recent incident required 4 police officers and 2 doctors to physically restrain an extremely agitated aggressive patient before he was handcuffed and 'sedated to unconsciousness'. Members described the patient as 'going crazy', 'very violently flailing'; the situation as 'chaotic', 'extraordinarily difficult' and that they were 'using all their strength to stop this patient from hurting	No

		<p>anyone'. Members' injuries included a large haematoma and sprained wrist. Members advised a paediatric patient was in the adjacent area and witnessed the entire event.</p> <p>There is no Code Black team at Mt Barker Hospital, there is limited SAPOL coverage in the Mt Barker region, and there are no security guards on site at all. Members also reported feeling unsafe walking to the carpark at night as undesirable individuals loiter in areas around the hospital.</p>	
PCBU Alleged Contravention 2	Not maintaining a safe work environment	<p>The absence of a security guard in the ED is causing workers increasing distress, anxiety and psychosocial harm, and increasing the risk of physical harm to workers and patients. The PCBU is aware of this issue. The PCBU's Director of People and Culture appeared callous and disinterested, said they don't know how a security guard would help, and noted it was Friday afternoon and no immediate action could be taken.</p>	No