

# Entry Permit Holder Report

SafeWork SA

Application ID 18592533

Entry Permit Holder	
Full Name:	Edward Grue
Permit Number:	ET-22-05258
Union Represented:	South Australian Salaried Medical Officers Association (SASMOA)
Worksite Entered	
Business Name:	Lyell McEwin Hospital - Emergency Department
Industry:	Other
Address:	
Date workplace entered:	22/08/2023 12:00:00 AM

I Edward Grue am of the opinion that the PCBU has contravened the WHS legislation relating to:		
Contravention	More information	Was the contravention rectified?
Not maintaining safe systems of work	ED full of admitted patients (approx. 35) impacting ability to see presenting patients (either waiting room or in ambulance). All resus rooms full. Staff demoralised. Patients waiting up to 14 hours. Patients deteriorating because not accessing timely treatments. Staff unable to take breaks. insufficient staffing. Supervision and training of trainees impacted. Pressure to discharge and not admit. Significant risk of patient errors. More detail in communications with PCBU.	No
Not maintaining a safe work environment	Overcrowding impacting physical safety. Drug and alcohol affected and mental health patients agitated by physical environment and no access to appropriate spaces to de-escalate. Violence and abuse. Patients distressed being seen in waiting room. increased risk of abuse and challenging behaviours. Distressed patients not waiting. More detail in communications with PCBU.	No

Inadequate monitoring of the health of workers and the conditions at the workplace	No acknowledgment of seriousness of situation by Executive. All extraordinary measures that were previously used to flex up capacity are being used as every day measures and that despite escalating concerns there are no additional supports being made available. Situation is impacting the capacity of the ED to see patients in an efficient and timely manner. While capital works occurring to increase hospital capacity urgent response required now. More detail in communications with PCBU.	<b>No</b>