

Friday, 4 December 2020

Public Statement: Prohibition Order – Dr John Potter

On Thursday, 3 December 2020 the Health and Community Services Complaints Commissioner (HCSCC), Associate Professor Grant Davies, issued a Prohibition Order against Dr John Potter who lives in Queensland but has offered health services in South Australia.

Dr John Potter is prohibited:

- from providing health services for the assessment of, diagnosis of and/or reporting on a person's dementia and cognition for the purposes of assessing a person's mental incapacity within the meaning of the *Guardianship and Administration Act 1993 (SA)*.
- either personally or through or in connection with another person or entity, from offering, advertising or otherwise promoting health services for the assessment of, diagnosis of and/or reporting on a person's dementia and cognition for the purposes of assessing a person's mental incapacity within the meaning of the *Guardianship and Administration Act 1993 (SA)*.

Dr Potter was alleged to have provided reports which assess and diagnose dementia and cognition of a protected person, to determine mental incapacity for the purpose of guardianship proceedings before the South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (SACAT) without appropriate qualifications and misrepresented his qualifications.

The decision to issue to Prohibition Order follows an investigation into those allegations, which found, based on the evidence, that Dr Potter presents a risk to the health and safety of members the public.

The Prohibition Order will have effect until varied or revoked.