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Public Statement: Interim Prohibition Order – Ms Monika Milka

The Health and Community Services Complaints Commissioner (HCSCC) Associate Professor Grant Davies has issued an Interim Prohibition Order against Ms Monika Milka who offers massage and homeopathy services in the Gawler area.

Ms Milka already has a prohibition order against her that was issued in February 2016.

Today's interim order prohibits Ms Milka from:

publishing and otherwise engaging in false, unsafe and unethical education about COVID-19 and vaccines in her capacity as a massage therapist and homeopathy therapist.

The HCSCC received a complaint advising false statements had been published on 'Monika's Entity' Massage Therapy Facebook page about COVID-19 and vaccines. The posts were made between 25 June 2021 and 26 July 2021.

The HCSCC has decided to investigate the publication of the Facebook posts. The IPO, which commences today, will be in place for up to 12 weeks while the HCSCC completes its investigation.

HCSCC Associate Professor Grant Davies said that people offering health services are required to follow the Code of Conduct for Certain Health Workers.

"Health services are defined under section 4 of the South Australian Health and Community Services Complaints Act 2004," he said.

"A person can offer a health service through the promotion of health care or health education and I consider the posts to constitute a health service.

"As I have stated before, the Code of Conduct exists primarily to protect the health or safety of members of the South Australian public."

The public can contact the HCSCC on 8226 8666 if they have any concerns.

