

Friday, 15 October 2021

Public Statement: Interim Prohibition Order – Ms Matilda Bawden

The Health and Community Services Complaints Commissioner (HCSCC) Associate Professor Grant Davies has issued an [Interim Prohibition Order](#) against Ms Matilda Bawden, a social worker.

The HCSCC received a complaint about emails authored by Ms Bawden making false claims about COVID-19 vaccines.

The HCSCC determined to investigate this complaint. Ms Bawden is an unregistered health care worker who is subject to the [Code of Conduct for Certain Health Care Workers](#).

The IPO came into effect on Thursday 14 October 2021 and will last for 12 weeks. It prohibits Ms Bawden from:

1. Providing health services in respect of health education and/or the provision of information relating to COVID-19 vaccines.

Associate Professor Davies said this was another reminder that community expectations applied to registered health practitioners about COVID-19 vaccines also apply to unregistered health care workers.

“This is the third interim prohibition order we’ve issued about false COVID vaccine information provided by unregistered health care workers recently,” he said.

“As I have always stated, my primary concern is the safety of members of the South Australian public and therefore, I have decided to investigate this matter as I am concerned about what Ms Bawden has expressed in her emails.

“The Code applies to all unregistered health services, including social workers.”

Ms Bawden can continue offering other health services.

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