

NSW Health



Associate Professor Winston Cheung
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Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Associate Professor Cheung

I refer to your letter of 6 September 2023 to the Secretary.

The Secretary has asked me to respond.

As stated in my letter of 29 August, the Ministry has not received from the Concord Hospital Medical Staff Council documents providing accounts of the alleged intimidation, bullying harassment, maladministration or poor governance at Concord Hospital to which you refer.

You have advised that accounts of such matters were provided by "9 individuals or departments" as part of the Medical Staff Council's presentation to the SLHD Board on 9 August 2023. The Ministry is not in possession of materials presented at that meeting. It is open to you, of course, to provide this material to the Ministry for its assessment and, if necessary, investigation in accordance with NSW Health policies. I note your repeated statements of dissatisfaction that any review or investigation by the Ministry of Health would not be sufficiently independent. It is for that reason in my letter of 29 August I encouraged you to address your concerns directly to the NSW Ombudsman. In these circumstances, I would therefore repeat my encouragement to you and the Medical Staff Council to supply the detailed accounts of your concerns to the NSW Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phil Minns".

Phil Minns
Deputy Secretary - People, Culture and Governance

8 September 2023