

HEALTH — SEVERITY ASSESSMENT CODE 1 — INCIDENTS

641. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Health:

- (1) In total, how many Severity Assessment Code (SAC-1) incidents were recorded (by hospital in both metropolitan and country health areas) for each of the follow periods:
  - (a) 2021–2022; and
  - (b) 2022–date?
- (2) For each of these periods in (1), how many of the incidents resulted in death (by hospital in both the metropolitan and country health areas)?

**Ms A. Sanderson replied:**

SAC-1s are any event where health care, by commission or omission, could have or did contribute to serious harm or death – this includes physical and psychological harm. SAC-1 clinical incidents may have multiple contributing factors that may not be solely responsible for the patient harm caused; this patient harm in some cases is death.

It is challenging to compare SAC-1 rates between hospitals as different hospitals have different acuity and levels of activity. Also, it is not possible to compare clinical incident data nationally due to the differences in data capture and the lack of standardised data definitions. There is no nationally agreed benchmark rate for clinical incidents. Rates can be also challenged by low numbers and tend to distract from the human story and care improvements behind each case.

(1) (a)–(b)

Hospital	Jul 21–Jun 22	Jul 22–Dec 22*
Albany Health Campus	7	8
Armada Health Service	13	7
Bentley Health Service	16	8
Broome Hospital	4	3
Bunbury Hospital	6	5
Busselton Hospital	4	1
Collie Hospital	4	1
Fiona Stanley Hospital	53	26
Fremantle Hospital and Health Service	10	11
Geraldton Hospital	9	1
Hedland Health Campus	10	1
Joondalup Health Campus (Public Patients)	21	16
Kalgoorlie Hospital	6	6
Northam Hospital	3	1
Osborne Park Hospital	6	1
Peel and Rockingham Kwinana Health Service	19	11
Peel Health Campus (Public Patients)	19	10
Perth Children's Hospital	26	10
Royal Perth Hospital	44	17
Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital	58	14
St John of God Health Care Bunbury (Public Patients)	0	1
St John of God Health Care Geraldton (Public Patients)	0	1
St John of God Midland Public Hospital (Public Patients)	28	17
St John of God Mt Lawley Hospital (Public Patients)	5	1

Women and Newborn Health Service	16	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>182</b>

\* to 31 December 2022

Note: Clinical incident data is dynamic and over time values may change.

Hospital services include non-admitted, outpatient, community and ambulatory services.

Data provided in the table above is correct as of 11 January 2023.

(2)

<b>Hospital</b>	<b>Jul 21–Jun 22</b>	<b>Jul 22–Dec 22*</b>
Albany Health Campus	1	2
Armadale Health Service	2	2
Bentley Health Service	5	3
Broome Hospital	0	2
Bunbury Hospital	1	1
Busselton Hospital	1	1
Collie Hospital	2	1
Fiona Stanley Hospital	18	1
Fremantle Hospital and Health Service	3	1
Geraldton Hospital	2	0
Hedland Health Campus	6	0
Joondalup Health Campus (Public Patients)	4	4
Kalgoorlie Hospital	1	2
Northam Hospital	0	0
Osborne Park Hospital	0	0
Peel and Rockingham Kwinana Health Service	3	4
Peel Health Campus (Public Patients)	5	3
Perth Children's Hospital	2	2
Royal Perth Hospital	8	2
Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital	7	2
St John of God Health Care Bunbury (Public Patients)	0	0
St John of God Health Care Geraldton (Public Patients)	0	0
St John of God Midland Public Hospital (Public Patients)	2	2
St John of God Mt Lawley Hospital (Public Patients)	0	0
Women and Newborn Health Service	2	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>36</b>

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