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Thanks Ali I will let her know

Cheers

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Sorry for the delay Matt,

This is fine to go to them.

Nigel do you want to send to COP for an FYI?

Thanks

Ali

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Hi Ali

Are the below quotes OK re SAPOL mental health taskings?

Taryn from SA Health wanted us to check them out.

Thanks

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Good morning!

Just touching base on the review of the statement below - I'm hoping to get this finalised today if possible so thought I would pester whoever is on today!

Thanks,

Taryn

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Hi Peta and team,

As discussed, the Advertiser is seeking responses to FOI documents about SAPOL mental health taskings - see below. They have asked for something from the Department as well as the Health Minister.

John Brayley has asked that his response is reviewed by SAPOL - let me know of any issues. The Advertiser deadline is Sunday midday, so happy to get something back tomorrow - I'm on call over the weekend so feel free to reach out tonight or tomorrow if needed.

Apologies for the late notice and the weekendness of it all!

Taryn

Quotes attributable to Chief Psychiatrist, Dr John Brayley

SAPOL data shows a reduction in the number of occasions that handover between police and hospitals has exceeded the benchmark of 30 minutes, and a reduction in the percentage of transfers where a delay has occurred.

At the same time, there has been an increase in the number of police conveyances to hospital which reflects a large range of factors, however a possible contributor is an increase in presentations relating to substance use.

Significant collaboration between emergency services has helped in the development of strategies to avoid or reduce delays and improve handovers. This includes providing assessment in the community through the joint SAPOL Mental Health Co-response service and a similar co-response program with ambulance. Changes made to EDs are also helping to expedite assessments made by mental health teams.

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Hi guys

As flagged with Chappy last night.

I am looking at a Sunday for Monday yarn based on the attached FOIs.

They show SAPOL FOI mental health taskings.

It shows that total time delayed in ED after police have conveyed a person to hospital has reached its highest levels in six years last financial year at 1430 hours (based on the FOI data).

The number of conveyances has also hit the highest number at 2566 hours.

Hours have almost tripled in six years.

The Opposition's Jack Batty has supplied the following comments:

As if over 120,000 hours of ambulance ramping wasn't enough, the Malinauskas Labor Government is now presiding over thousands of hours of police car ramping.

We've got our police losing thousands of hours on the ramp at a time when we have a massive shortfall in police numbers and skyrocketing crime.

Every hour that police spend waiting around on hospital ramps is an hour they are not out on the beat keeping us safe.

We've now got police cars seemingly acting as make-shift ambulances in another debacle for the Malinauskas Labor Government.

We are constantly asking our police to do so much more with so much less and it is starting to impact frontline policing and community safety.

The huge number of mental health transfers by police must act as a wake-up call for the Malinauskas Labor Government in addressing the unmet mental health needs of our state.

What is the Health Minister's response to these comments?

What is the response to those who say this is another example of a system failure and more proof than an election promise to 'fix the ramping crisis' is not being achieved?

What can be done, or is being done, to reduce these 'delay' hours?

Can an explanation be offered please about why the reduction in delay incidents but the average time has increased?

Grateful for a response by lunchtime Sunday.

Call me with any queries.

Very best

Huffy

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