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Your Ref: 20485157
Our Ref: 25-1304
Telephone: 8207 5555



Email: [Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Re: Freedom of Information Act application

In reference to your application made pursuant to the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*, access was sought to:

“1) Please provide a copy of documents that detail the relationship between SAPOL and MESHA for the previous ten years. Exclude duplicate documents. 2) Please provide a copy of documents that detail the access of current SAPOL employees to MESHA services. Exclude duplicate documents.”

In relation to part 1 of your request

“1) Please provide a copy of documents that detail the relationship between SAPOL and MESHA for the previous ten years. Exclude duplicate documents.”

Enquiries were made with the Director of Health, Safety & Wellbeing who advised that SAPOL hold no documents relating to this part of your request, however we advise that SAPOL and MESHA do collaborate through wellbeing forums, research and programs.

As SAPOL hold no documents, a determination has not been made and therefore this part of your request holds no review rights. Should you be dissatisfied, a complaint can be made to the Ombudsman under the *Ombudsman Act 1972*.



In relation to part 2 of your request

“2) Please provide a copy of documents that detail the access of current SAPOL employees to MESHA services. Exclude duplicate documents.”

SAPOL promotes access to MESHA services and the MESHA GEARS program through the Health Safety and Wellbeing (HSW) Intranet pages. HSW Branch refer suitable candidates for programs and are currently exploring opportunities for prevention focused referrals as part of their collaboration with MESHA.


The following information has been located on SAPOL’s HSWB intranet pages and it is agreed to **release this information to you in full**.

MESHA - Military and Emergency Services Health Australia

MESHA helps to deliver the GEARS program for current and former serving service personnel needing support to transition back to civilian life. The GEARS program is tailored specifically for current or former serving military members and emergency service personnel and issues they face, including identity in transitioning back to civilian life. Referrals must be via a GP (link to the referral form below)

Contact: 08)70020880

 [MESHA GEARS Flyer.pdf](#)

 [GP Referral Form - GEARS Program.pdf](#)

Additional Supports/Information

MESHA (Military and Emergency Services Health Australia)

MESHA is a non-for-profit organisation supporting current and former military and emergency services personnel and their families. They offer a variety of services including counselling support and group programs including transitioning into a new career/retirement.

MESHA is a service that can be accessed post separation with SAPOL.

[Military and Emergency Services Health Australia \(MESHA\)](#)

The URL link for the above text ‘Military and Emergency Services Health Australia (MESHA)’ is: <https://mesha.org.au/>

SA POLICE - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION UNIT SCHEDULE		
No.	Document Description	Status
1	MESHA GEARS Flyer	Full Release

Disclosure Log

In accordance with the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, details of your FOI application, and the documents to which you are given access will be published on the SAPOL website Disclosure Log.

A copy of PC045 can be found at:

https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0019/20818/PC045-Disclosure-Logs.pdf.

If you disagree with publication, please advise the undersigned in writing by 23 December 2024.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "K Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K".

Senior Sergeant Kelly Johnson
Freedom of Information Unit
(Accredited Freedom of Information Officer)

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