

Facility Accreditation Report



Accreditation Report

This report includes the following hospital and its related terms:
Mount Gambier and Districts Health Service

Accreditation Report Details:

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| Date of Visit: | 22 August 2013 |
| Date report approved by SA MET Health Advisory Council: | 21 October 2013 |
| Accreditation expiry date: | 21 October 2016 |

FACILITY ACCREDITATION DECISION

- 3 years with 3 provisos
- 12 months with provisos
- 6 months with provisos
- Not approved

Executive Summary

The visit to MGDHS on 22 August 2013 was a revisit following full facility accreditation visits in 2011 and 2012. This report focuses on the areas outstanding from these visits, plus any new information, rather than providing a summary of each unit and all aspects of the MGDHS TMO program.

MGDHS continues to improve the education, training and supervision it provides to TMOs. Since the previous accreditation visit, the staffing in the Emergency Department has been strengthened, with the introduction of Fellows of the Australasian College of Emergency Medicine (FACEMs) working from 12:00-22:00 six days per week and a cohort of PGY3+ salaried medical officers staffing the department. These additional staff members were reported to have greatly improved staffing in the Emergency Department and reduced the pressure on PGY2+s.

MGDHS has difficulty recruiting consultant staffing, which has follow-on effects, including meeting college requirements for the accreditation of registrars. Registrars were noted by MGDHS management as the next step in building the hospital and its workforce.

MGDHS has funding to employ only a minimum number of interns and PGY2+s which does not allow for seasonal fluctuations in workload or for leave cover. The TMO training at MGDHS would benefit from a full complement of interns and TMOs.

As was the case with previous visits, the main concern regarding the education and training program at MGDHS is its sustainability, with the noted difficulty of attracting and retaining consultant staff, and a consequent high reliance on temporary staffing solutions.