

**Supplementary
Submission
No 80a**

**INQUIRY INTO OFF-PROTOCOL PRESCRIBING OF
CHEMOTHERAPY IN NSW**

Name: Mrs Kim & Mr Trevor McGuire

Date received: 31 March 2017

Dear Chairman Green,

5 April 2017

My name is Kim McGuire, a patient of Dr Kiran Phadke. I attended the public hearing at Parliament House regarding Off Protocol Prescribing of Chemotherapy on Friday 31 March (relevant transcript pp. 21-22). I would like to provide the information below to assist the Committee with evidence regarding contact made by South East Area Health officials with affected patients. Both Margaret Savage and Gerry Marr were unable to provide accurate evidence regarding contact dates with affected patients and adherence to the Open Disclosure Policy.

MARGARET SAVAGE, Director, Professional Practice Unit, South Eastern Sydney Local Health District, made a statement to the committee in relation to myself, that is incorrect. I was not contacted in November 2016 by South East Area Health officials as she states. The first contact I received was by Justine Harris, Director of Clinical Services Sutherland hospital on Tuesday, 16 February 2017, prior to a meeting that took place at Sutherland Hospital on Tuesday, 28 February 2017.

That meeting was to provide me with an outcome of the investigation into Dr Phadke and to discuss our complaints regarding the handling of the patient process by South East Area Health. We raised further serious issues regarding the conduct of the investigation and wrote to the investigating team. I note in the transcript that Ms Savage has been asked to check her dates. I have attached a copy of the minutes of this meeting as evidence to support the facts outlined above.

GERRY MARR, Chief Executive, South Eastern Sydney Local Health District made a misleading statement to the committee that "NSW Open Disclosure Policy is the policy that we follow." A review of my case (and other patients) will reveal that the Policy has not been followed and my original Complaint Letter dated 02/09/16 (which was subsequently lost by LHD) and minutes of the meeting held with South East Area Health on 28 February 2017 support my position that the Open Disclosure Policy has not been followed.

The continuing failures and incompetence of the South-East Area Health in relation to Dr Phadke's investigation have caused myself and my family significant and ongoing harm. It is clear to me that proper process, procedures and policies have not been followed by NSW Health in respect to Dr Phadke's patients.

Best regards,

Kim McGuire