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To The Honourable Chris Picton and Dr Emma McCahon,

RE: O'Brien Street Practice relocation

I write to seek an update on the progress of the upcoming relocation of O'Brien Street Practice, a vital service that has served our HIV+ community for over 30 years.


In August 2022, we raised concerns on behalf of our members about a perceived lack of communication and transparency regarding the relocation of O'Brien Street Practice.

We thank the Hon. Chris Picton, Minister for Health and Wellbeing, and the Central Adelaide Local Health Network Board for responding to our concerns by holding an [enquiry into the relocation](#) in September 2022.

We understand that CALHN has taken several actions to address the recommendations made by Professor Judith Dwyer AM including undertaking a range of communications and consultations with impacted stakeholders and establishing a practice relocation planning group.



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Nevertheless, we continue to receive queries from our community members who are concerned that there has been **no update on the pending relocation for at least a year**. This is despite Professor Judith Dwyer AM's September 2022 inquiry stating "*It is anticipated that a decision on a new location will be made (in consultation with staff and consumer representatives) by the end of October*".

We therefore seek an update on the planned relocation of O'Brien Street Practice, in particular:

1. Has a new location for O'Brien Street Practice been selected?
2. What is the timeframe for services transitioning from the current location to a new location?
3. What actions are being taken to ensure there is no further reduction in services from the levels currently offered at O'Brien Street Practice as a result of the relocation?
4. How many times has the O'Brien Street Practice Relocation Group met and what were the outcomes from these meetings?
5. Are there any other updates you can provide for us to share with our community?

We thank CALHN for your work to alleviate community concerns to date and encourage open and transparent communication on this important matter. As the peak body for LGBTIQ+ communities, SA Rainbow Advocacy Alliance would welcome the opportunity to share any updates you have on this issue with our communities.

If you wish to discuss these matters further, please contact me via email chair@saraa.org.au.

We will also make this letter publicly available on our website to ensure our members and supporters are aware of our position.

Kind regards

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Board Chair

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SARAA acknowledges and pays respects to the Kaurna, Nukunu and Ngarrindjeri people, whose land we operate and live on. Aboriginal land was stolen, never ceded, and we stand in solidarity with First Nations people, especially those who are also members of the LGBTIQ+, Brotherboy and Sistergirl communities.