

Question on Notice

No. 1179

Asked on 18 September 2018

MR D BATT asked the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (HON DR S MILES) –

QUESTION

With reference to complaints submitted to Queensland Health by Members of Parliament on behalf of constituents—

Will the Minister advise whether it is usual practice for Queensland Health to require a patient's signature on the 'Authority to Disclose Personal Health Information Form' when the patient's enduring power of attorney has previously signed the document?

ANSWER

Queensland Health has a long-standing commitment to safeguarding the privacy of its patients and staff, and is subject to privacy and confidentiality legislation.

A person's confidential or personal information must not be disclosed, directly or indirectly, unless the disclosure is required or permitted by the legislation. Therefore, decisions about access to patient records must be made on a case-by-case basis.