

Question on Notice

No. 644

Asked on 22 June 2022

MR S BENNETT asked the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (HON Y D'ATH)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise (a) how nurses at the Bundaberg Base Hospital have been able to administer un-prescribed medications to patients and (b) how many official complaints have been made to the Bundaberg Hospital regarding the administration of un-prescribed medication?

ANSWER

Queensland Health are conducting an investigation into matters raised around medication management and patient safety at medical wards in Bundaberg Hospital.

To date, there has been no substantive evidence of significant patient harm or death regarding allegations made.

- (a) Through incident reporting and hospital investigations it has been identified that appropriate processes were not followed for the administering of medication on some occasions.
- (b) Within the last 12 months, three nurses at Bundaberg Hospital have reported concerns about the medication administration practice of another nurse.

In a separate matter, one nurse reported concerns about the practice of another nurse.

These cases resulted in Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service taking swift action to investigate the matters, which resulted in disciplinary action being taken against four nurses, including the termination of employment for one of those nurses.