

CHIEF PSYCHIATRIST APPROVAL

Pursuant to subsection 58A(1) of the *Mental Health Act 2009*

RECORDING THE USE OF SECTION 56 POWERS

Subsection 58A(1) of the *Mental Health Act 2009* (the Act) confers to the Chief Psychiatrist of South Australia the power to approve the manner and form in which Authorised Officers keep records relating to the exercise of powers under the Act.

I, Dr Aaron Groves, Chief Psychiatrist, hereby approve the manner and form of the record keeping required for the use of powers under section 56 as listed and described in the Schedule below commencing from 5 June 2017.

Column 1 RECORD COMPONENT	Column 2 DETAIL
Officer Responsible	Each Authorised Officer who uses section 56 powers must keep records of the exercise of those powers.
Timeframe	The records must be made within 24 hours, or as soon as practicable afterwards, of the powers being used.
Format	The records must be made in the progress notes of the patient's medical records or casenotes, which can be paper-based or electronic.
Content Required	Time when exercise of powers commenced.
	If care of patient received from another Authorised Officer or a Police Officer, name and designation of that officer.
	Reason for use of the powers (<i>is the person subject to an inpatient treatment order, patient assistance request, patient transport request or is the person a patient absent without leave; OR does the person appear to have a mental illness and be at risk</i>).
	Evidence (<i>was the decision made based on the Authorised Officer's own observations; OR on reports of the person's behaviour, appearance or history</i>).
	Time when use of powers ceased.
	If care of patient transferred to another, name and designation of that Authorised Officer or Police Officer and time transferred.
	Name and designation of Authorised Officer who used section 56 powers and made the record.

The Chief Psychiatrist may vary or revoke this approval at any time.



DR AARON GROVES
Chief Psychiatrist

Dated the ^{1st} day of ^{June} 2017