



Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2021-2022 **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Asked by **ED COCKS MLA** on 9 November 2022: **EMMA DAVIDSON MLA** took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

How many peer worker positions are funded under ACT Health and how many are currently engaged?

MS DAVIDSON MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The ACT Health Directorate (ACTHD) does not currently have funded designated peer worker positions within the Directorate. In addition, ACTHD does not specify that funding be used for designated peer worker positions in the funding provided to our community partners. However, ACTHD is aware that several organisations that receive ACTHD funding have peer workers for their service delivery and program development.

ACTHD encourages the use of peer workers and as well as the range of services provided by peer workers delivered by our community partners, provides funding via the Capital Health Network for the Belconnen Safe Haven which is a peer led service. ACTHD also funds Woden Community Service to deliver the Transition to Recovery program (TRec) which offers peer support programs delivered by peer workers.

Canberra Health Services currently has 4.4 FTE funded positions for people with lived experience of mental illness and recovery, these roles are Peer Workers and Consumer Consultants. Presently, there is 0.4FTE vacant.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Signature: *Emma Davidson*

Date: *25/11/22.*

By the Minister for Mental Health, Emma Davidson MLA