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PIAC ASA Response to Guidelines Mandatory notifications about registered health practitioners

The Australian Society of Anaesthetists (ASA) is the peak body and leading representative of the professional and economic interests of Australian anaesthetists. The ASA was established in 1934, and represents Australian Anaesthetists ensuring the high standards of the profession.

The ASA supports Option 2.

The material is well presented in form and structure, the content relevant, the flow charts and examples are useful. At the risk of being somewhat repetitive it provides useful access for different people approaching the document from varying perspectives- treating practitioner, non-treating practitioner and employer. Having a separate document for students is appropriate.

The definitions provided are clear and it would be helpful to define 'substantial' in section 3.2 more clearly. This is a crucial point because there are many 'shades of grey' when attempting to make this determination. Perhaps providing more examples would be useful. Is there a mechanism in place where health practitioners and employers could obtain confidential advice from an appropriately experienced AHPRA officer to discuss controversial potentially reportable situations?

The document should be all inclusive, functional and independent of the website.

The consequences of failing to make a mandatory notification could be made clearer.

It is appropriate that this document is reviewed every five years.

I would suggest adding more examples. This was useful to highlight what constitutes significant concern for potential public harm.

This document seems to be an improvement on the previous version. Hopefully, practitioners will be confident to seek the treatment they need and deserve without fear of being unnecessarily reported to AHPRA.

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