

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Burgoyne to the Minister for Health:

Yuendumu Health Care

Questions:

1. Providing a break-up of the actual positions, please advise:

- **How many Nurses and other health care workers are currently employed at the Yuendumu Community Health Centre**

Yuendumu Health Centre staffing consists of the following:

- Two medical officers (Monday to Thursday)
 - One Primary Health Care Manager
 - Six Remote Area Nurses
 - Two Aboriginal Health Practitioners (part-time)
 - One Registered Midwife
 - One Child and Family Health Nurse
 - Three Aboriginal Community Workers
 - One Administrative Officer
 - Two Strong Women Strong Babies Administrative Officers
 - One Cleaner/Gardener/Driver.
 - Second responders (casual)
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- **How many Nurses and other health care workers are permanently based in Yuendumu?**

All nurses and health care workers are based in Yuendumu. The two medical officers are based in Yuendumu four days per week.

- **How many Nurses and other health care workers are on shift every day?**

All staff are working at the clinic during week day opening hours.

2. Is there currently a shortage of Nurses at the Yuendumu Community Health Centre?

No. Efforts are made to ensure an adequate nursing workforce, with agency staff engaged as required.

3. Has there been a difficulty in filling vacancies?

Attraction and retention of staff to remote clinics is an ongoing challenge that is managed in the NT.

4. Have there been any recent threats against staff at the Centre?

Since the beginning of 2021, there have been no threats made against staff.

5. How many reported incidents have there been?

From 1 July 2020 until 28 February 2021, there have been nine reported incidents.

6. What are Health and Police doing to tackle these issues and threats?

- Since January 2021, private security guards have been engaged to patrol staff housing at Yuendumu.
- In February 2021, under a Multi-Agency Community and Child Safety Framework, fortnightly meetings were established to support a coordinated response between agencies to address and respond to identified safety related issues. These meetings focus on the identification, engagement and early intervention of children 'at risk' of engaging in anti-social behaviour and/or property crime.
- Regular police liaison occurs with the Southern Tanami Kurdiji Indigenous Corporation (Night Patrol), Warlpiri Youth Development Aboriginal Corporation (WYDAC), community Elders and Traditional Owners.
- NT Police continue to maintain regular contact with the Yuendumu Health Centre, through engagement.
- NT Police undertake regular high visibility patrols within the Yuendumu community.