

Request for clarification - Case reference 202513496/SBJ

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To: Complaints Hub <ComplaintsHub@oho.qld.gov.au>

Sat, Jan 24, 2026 at 12:41 PM

Dear Shefali

Thank you for your email of 9 January 2026 regarding my notification about Dr Christopher Perry.

I write to request clarification on several points raised in your decision, to better understand how the decision was reached.

Previous consideration of the concerns

Your letter states that both the OHO and Ahpra were previously made aware of the concerns raised, and that the matter was "adequately addressed".

Can you please advise:

- when this prior consideration occurred;
- which agency conducted it;
- whether it involved a formal assessment of Dr Perry's public statements against *Good medical practice: a code of conduct for doctors in Australia*; and
- whether any findings, outcomes, or regulatory actions resulted.

Application of the passage of time reasoning

Your decision notes that the statements were made in 2021 and that, given the passage of time, the risk to public health and safety is not considered sufficient to warrant action.

I would appreciate clarification as to how this reasoning was applied in circumstances where:

- the conduct involved public statements made by a senior medical leader;
- the concerns raised relate to patient-centred care, public trust and voluntary informed consent; and
- the *Code of Conduct* addresses the ongoing impact of doctor's public commentary on community trust.

Consideration of Code provisions - *Good medical practice: a code of conduct for doctors in Australia*

Please confirm whether the assessment considered the practitioner's conduct in light of:

- Section 2.1 (Patient-centred care);
- Section 2.2 (Public comment and trust in the profession); and
- Section 4.5 (Informed consent)

I would appreciate your assistance in clarifying these matters. My intention is to understand the basis on which the decision was made.

Kind regards

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On Fri, Jan 9, 2026 at 5:47 PM Complaints Hub <ComplaintsHub@oho.qld.gov.au> wrote:

Dear Ms Hart

I am writing to you about your notification of 22 December 2025 about Dr Christopher Perry (the practitioner). As a delegate of the Health Ombudsman, I have carefully reviewed the information you provided.

The *Health Ombudsman Act 2013* sets out the functions and limits of what the Office of the Health Ombudsman (OHO) can do. The Act identifies that the OHO's key focus is managing risks to public health and safety that arise from health services or health service providers in Queensland.

For this reason, among other things we look at the severity of the matter, the potential risk that it poses and whether it meets the threshold for the OHO or another agency to take action. If regulatory action is not justified, we will also consider if further assistance should be provided to address the matter.

As the health service provider that you have raised concerns about is a registered practitioner, the Act also requires that I consult with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) about how your complaint should be managed. Ahpra is responsible for managing the registration of all registered practitioners and therefore also has responsibility for taking regulatory action against them.

Issues

You have raised concerns in relation to Dr Perry and the statements he made in November 2021, during a Channel 9 segment regarding vaccinations.

Decision

Following a review of the available information, I have decided to take no further action for the following reasons:

- Your concerns were reviewed by the OHO and by Ahpra, who were previously made aware of the concerns you have raised. The OHO is satisfied the matter has been adequately addressed.
- Additionally, the statements by the practitioner were delivered in 2021, four years prior. Considering the passage of time that has elapsed, the risk to public health and safety is not considered to be sufficient such as to warrant further action being taken at this time.

For these reasons, no further action will be taken and this matter will now be finalised with our office. I made this decision under s44(1)(a)(ii) of the Act.

Even though this matter will now be closed, it will be kept on record to help identify patterns of behaviour, complaint trends, widespread health system issues and ways to promote professional, safe and competent practice by health practitioners.

If you have any questions or concerns about how this decision was reached, I encourage you to contact the OHO on 133 646 and ask to speak with me directly. Alternatively, you are welcome to reply to this email or visit our website at www.oho.qld.gov.au for further information.

Request a review of this decision

If you would like to request a review of this matter it will need to be directed to the Queensland Ombudsman.

The Queensland Ombudsman investigates complaints made about administrative actions of Queensland state government departments, local councils and public authorities, including the OHO. It is not the role of the Queensland Ombudsman to conduct a fresh investigation of the complaint you made to the OHO, evaluate medical evidence or form medical opinions. The Queensland Ombudsman's role is limited to a review of the administrative actions and decisions of the OHO in handling your health service complaint.

Information about making a complaint to the Queensland Ombudsman is available at www.ombudsman.qld.gov.au.

Client experience survey

In addition, I invite you to provide feedback about your experience with our office by completing our short [online client survey](#). We value your feedback.

Yours sincerely

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Delegate for the Health Ombudsman

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