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SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT

DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY MANUAL

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NOTE: This manual is to be read in conjunction with relevant NSW Government, NSW Health and SESLHD policies.

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1. INTRODUCTION - DELEGATION MANUAL – PURPOSE

This Delegation Manual is designed to set out clear unambiguous delegations that can be applied consistently across South Eastern Local Health District (SESLHD) on all matters that impact on the operations of the services and facilities that comprise SESLHD. It provides guidance and direction on the authorisation and quantification of expenditure, staff related matters and other non-financial matters.

The SESLHD Delegation Manual reflects the principles in NSW Health Policy Directive, Delegations of Authority PD2012_059. In applying their delegations, SESLHD staff are to comply with this Policy Directive.

The manual is intended to be a 'ready reference', easy-to-use document, to assist staff to comply with their obligations. The manual must be considered and followed in-line with the applicable policies for each delegation topic area.

Delegations should reflect the management structure of SESLHD and its facilities, with delegated officers being identified or grouped into categories that reflect the organisational structure of the LHD. Each delegated officer within a particular "group" can only exercise the delegation in relation to their own area of responsibility. For example, this manual allows a number of groups of delegated officers to authorise overtime; however, an individual officer only has delegation to authorise overtime for staff within their own unit/area of responsibility.

The SESLHD Board delegates its authority to the SESLHD Chief Executive (CE) who operates under the authority of the Health Services Act 1997.

All figures are in Australian dollars (AUD) and exclude Goods and Services Tax (GST). That is, the delegated amounts are the figures, excluding any applicable GST on the transaction.

2. FACILITIES AND SERVICES COVERED BY THE SESLHD DELEGATIONS MANUAL

The Delegations Manual is designed to apply to all the operations of the units, facilities and services that comprise the SESLHD on a day to day basis.

A list of all facilities and services covered by this manual are outlined below:

- Prince of Wales Hospital and Health Services;
- St George Hospital and Health Services;
- Sutherland Hospital and the Garrawarra Centre;
- Royal Hospital for Women;
- Sydney / Sydney Eye Hospital;
- Mental Health Services;
- Gower Wilson Memorial Hospital;
- SESLHD Community Health Centres and its operations; and
- SESLHD Executive Offices and District services

This manual does not apply to the Affiliated Health Organisations (AHOs); namely Calvary, War Memorial or Scarba that are located within SESLHD boundaries.

This manual should be considered in conjunction with the SESLHD organisational / functional structure chart and may be amended to align with any structural changes if required.

3. DELEGATE RESPONSIBILITIES

- It is important to understand that delegations are made to positions, not to persons, and are specific to the position's role. The delegation to a position is specific and is not transferable.
- Delegates are to exercise any powers, authorities, duties and functions delegated to them in a responsible, consistent and cost effective manner.
- Delegates must act in accordance with any conditions imposed on the relevant delegation and consistent with NSW Government, NSW Health and SESLHD policies.
- Delegates are responsible for knowing their classification and their level of delegation and for informing themselves and keeping up to date on any changes to the delegations arising from changes in law, NSW Government or NSW Health policy or revisions of delegations or other directions issued

by SESLHD.

- Delegates shall only exercise delegations in relation to their own areas of administrative or operational
 responsibility and cost centres relevant to their position and will not approve matters for an officer over
 whom they have no responsibility.
- Reference shall be made to the Goods and Services Procurement Policy Manual for procurement requirements: for example, the mandatory use of Government Contracts and purchasing dollar thresholds in relation to quotation and tendering requirements.
- Goods and services shall not be ordered / purchased without an official purchase order (PO) number unless subject to NSW Health's Excluded PO Accounts List or purchased in compliance with Procurement Card Policy.
- All purchases are subject to available funding and budgetary constraints.
- When approving expenditure delegates must:
 - Consider the dollar limit of their delegation for the category of expenditure;
 - Satisfy themselves that funds are available, within existing budget, to meet any expense being approved under delegation;
 - Consider any additional costs that will result from the expenditure, including for example direct recurrent costs, indirect operating costs, life cycle and future replacement costs, and any other associated expenses or matters that would impact on the financial management and performance of the organisation; and
 - Obtain any necessary additional approvals where the expenditure will be from, or supplemented by, Special Purpose and Trust (SP&T) Funds (e.g. from trustees), as outlined in NSW Health policies and this manual.
- Delegates must not approve "self-related matters" or matters that raise potential probity issues in relation to the exercise of the delegation. For example delegates must not:
 - Approve any expenditure in relation to a matter where they have a pecuniary interest, or where there is a real, potential or perceived conflict of interest.
- When approving expenditure, delegates must not:
 - Split items / orders to bring them within any limit of their position's delegation and administrative responsibility;
 - The dollar amounts specified in the Delegations Manual relates to the total cost of any project regardless of the number of orders necessary and excludes GST;
 - Requisition or purchase items from an alternate vendor where a NSW Government, NSW Health or SESLHD contract exists for the goods or services to be procured from an existing / approved vendor; and
 - Requisition or purchase non-catalogued items where a similar product exists in the NSW Health Item Master File.
- Requisitions for purchasing and / or leasing of motor vehicles should be processed through Manager, Fleet Services or appropriately delegated officer.
- The dollar limits for capital works relate to approved capital works programs.
- Delegates should consult SESLHD officers with specialty product knowledge (for example, IT officers, biomedical engineering, clinical products advisors, engineers if building works or capital works are required) to confirm cost effective procurement which is in accordance with SESLHD practices.
- Delegated officers are to sign all documents (requisitions, orders, contracts etc.), with their position title, as that title is set out in the Delegations Manual. Where the officer is acting, or relieving, in a position they should also indicate their "acting" role in the signing of the document and abide by the delegations associated with that role.
- Limits on spend and contract signing authority are based on the total life of the contract, including

renewals, variations and extensions (collective value).

- Variations of contract including extensions must be approved by at least the same level of authority as the original contract was approved
- Delegates may not re-delegate any authority conferred on them by the SESLHD Delegations Manual to any other officer.
- The rules of delegation apply whether requisitions are online or paper-based.
- All officers acting or relieving in a position with delegation that is higher than their substantive role or for different cost centres, are required to complete an Acknowledgement Form (Appendix 4) to cover the acting period when greater than 2 months. The form must be completed for each acting period undertaken by the employee. Once received, the acting delegation will be activated within the Finance system for the applicable period to enable approvals to occur.

Note: Delegations of an officer are automatically assumed by their supervisor; except where an over-riding separation of responsibilities prevails.

4. CATEGORIES OF DELEGATED OFFICERS

SESLHD has grouped its delegates into levels from 1 to 5. Appendix 1 should be referred to for a full list of Delegated Officers, however the following is a general guide of the roles that fall within each level:

Level 1	Chief Executive (as delegate of SESLHD Board)
Level 2	Members of the Executive Team that report into the Chief Executive.
Level 3	Specific direct reports of Level 2
Level 4	Level 2 / Level 3 direct reports – all other
Level 5	Department Heads and Managers with cost centre accountability

Assumption that approvals from the Ministry of Health have been submitted by the CE as delegated by the Board, notification will be made to the Board and Sub-Committees if required.

In addition to these formal levels of Delegated Officers, the CE has extended delegation privileges to authorised staff who have been issued with a purchasing card (PCard). PCards are encouraged for General Fund G&S / RMR purchases where the transactions are non-clinical, low value and frequent and / or regular in nature.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
5. BUDGET					
5.1 Initial Budget					
Annual budget strategy determination	CE				
Allocate budget to Divisions		DOF			
Allocate budget within Divisions – within parameters determined by DOF		ALL	GMs DPCH		
Approve variations to budgets between CE approvals, pending Finance & Performance Committee ratification		DOF			
Allocate capital budgets - within annual capital budget and parameters determined by capital planning process. Refer to Capital S6.1.1		DOF			
5.2 Adjustments & Transfers		<u> </u>		. <u>.</u>	
Authorise budget supplementation		DOF			
Authorise transfer of budgets between cost centres for budgets allocated to this position or those reporting to this position			ALL		
Authorise transfer of budgets between cost centres or line items for budgets allocated to this position or those reporting to this position			DDF		
Authorise transfer of budgets from one department to another between different Divisions/Units		DOF			
5.3 Affiliated Health Organisations					
Authority to determine subsidy and administer funding for recognised establishments and recognised services or affiliated health organisations	CE				
5.4 Rollovers					
Authorise roll over budgets to Division		DOF			
6. GENERAL FUND EXPEND	DITURE D	ELEGATI	ONS		
6.1. Consultants – see also Capital E	xpenditure:	Section 10			
In accordance with the Goods & Services Proc	-		9		
Procurement process when a pre-qualified panel	l is NOT used:				
Where estimated cost of the consultancy is less	s than \$30,000	:		One written p	roposal
Where estimated cost if the consultancy is \$30,	001 - \$250,000	:		Three Written	proposals
Where estimated cost of the consultancy is ove	r \$250,000:			Tender proces	SS
Authorise engagement of consultants and appro (Significant changes in work or cost not to be				pervision of the	consultant)
Up to \$250,000		DOF			
Up to \$500,000	CE				
Over \$500,000 – Requires MOH Approval					
6.2. Corporate Procurement Card					
In accordance with the Procurement Cards (PC	ards) Policy				
PCard applications must be authorised by Tier 2 prior to being submitted to DOF	-	ALL			
Approve PCard transaction limits up to \$3,000		DOF			
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and monthly limits for use of PCard in					
compliance with policy Approve PCard transaction limits over \$3,000 for use of PCard in compliance with	CE				
PCard Policy	-				
Approve PCard transaction limit for CE	BOARD				
6.3. Drugs / Pharmaceuticals					
In accordance with the Procedure for the purch	asing drugs of	addiction unde	r the Poisons	Act	-
Authority to order drugs of addiction specified under the Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 1966 and its regulations <\$150,000			DP		
Authority to order drugs of addiction specified under the Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 1966 and its regulations >\$150,000		EDO			
Approval of Individual Patient Usage (IPU) med	dications in acco	ordance with Dis	trict policy	1	1
Authority to approve IPU medications < \$10,000			GMs		
Authority to approve IPU medications >= \$10,000		Quality Use	of Medicines	Committee	
Approval of pharmaceutical supplies in line with	n SESLHD Policy	/:	-		-
Up to \$1,000					Pharmacists
Up to \$10,000					Deputy/ Senior Pharmacist
Up to \$150,000				DP	
(Pharmacist to counter-sign)					
Over \$150,000 (Pharmacist to counter-sign)		EDO	GMs DPCH		
6.4. Leases					
In accordance with the Goods & Services Proc	urement Policy I	Manual			
Equipment – (note: computer leasing is no long	ger allowed):				
Operating lease up to 3 years or a total of \$100,000		DOF			
Operating lease over 3 years and up to a total of \$500,000 and/or recurrent yearly payments up to \$100,000	CE				
Capital equipment with total lease value greate Requires MOH Approval	r than \$500,000	and/or recurrent	tyearly payme	nts greater than	\$100,000 -
Property:					
Authority to sign or vary leases for premises of a 3 year term with 3 year option (5 years with 5 year option if under Retail Leases Act)	CE				
Note: CE can delegate	uiroo MOU Appro				
Approval to purchase or dispose of land - Requ	ines won appro)vai			
6.5. Mobile Phones					
Approve the purchase of:		ſ		Γ	
Replacement mobile phones			ALL		
Additional mobile phones		ALL	GMs DPCH		
6.6. Out of Pocket Expenses					
Approve out of pocket expenses for senior officers e.g. entertainment expenses	CE				
6.7. Catering for Functions					

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The purchase of alcohol requires CE approva	al and should be i	restricted to offici	al functions.		
External catering – up to \$500		ALL	GMs DPCH		
External catering – up to \$5,000		DOF			
External catering – over \$5,000	CE				
Official functions with alcohol	CE				
6.8. Petty Cash					
All personal out of pocket expenses to be cla	imed via iExpens	ses			
Approve petty cash imprest reimbursements				FM	
Authority to create or increase petty cash floats		DOF			
6.9. Requisitions					
Approve requisitions for stock items on imprest supply					ALL
6.10. Accounts Payable					
Check accuracy of invoices for payment - HS	S Function				
Authorise payment of invoices made by HSS				MFAR	
6.11. Other Operational Expenditur	e, (Goods & S	Services and	Repairs & M	aintenance)	
In accordance with the Goods & Services Proce Health and LHD contracts.	urement Policy Ma	anual and subject	to the mandato	ory use of Govern	nment, NSW
Levels 1-5 - Limit is set of the lessor amount of Cardholders without a formal delegated authorit Authorise expenditure of approved budget alloca expenditure items (including Repairs & Mainten	ty are limited to a ated to this position	maximum transac	ction limit of \$30 rting to this posit	ion, for general fu	und operational
Up to \$3,000			No quotes re	quired	
\$3,000 to \$30,000 :			One written o	quote	
\$30,001 - \$250,000:			Three writter	n quotes	
Over \$250,000:			Tender proce	ess	
Orders must not be split to come under these	e limits.				
6.12. Legal Expenses					
Approval to engage legal counsel:					
Up to \$100,000		DCL			
Over \$100,000	CE				
6.13. Legal Representation Expense	ses related to	Coronial Iss	ues		
Legal expenses up to \$100,000		DCL			
Legal expenses over \$100,000	CE				
6.14. Instructions to Legal Represe	entation (fron	n NSW Legal	Panel)		
To mediate to a value of \$1m		DCL			
To mediate to a value of >\$1m	CE				
6.15. Hosted Services Charges			1	I	1
Approval to authorise hosted services invoices between Health entities	CE	DOF			
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7. REVENUE DELEGATION	NS				
7.1. Debt Recovery					
Authority to refer to debt collector					MBSC
Authority to initiate legal action to recover outstanding debts/accounts			DDF		
Authority to initiate legal action to recover court costs		DOF			
7.2. Overseas Visitors – Elective S	urgery				
Approval must be sought PRIOR to visa app	lication being ma	ade			
Pre-approve treatment and rate of charge, i treatment at SESLHD:	if any, of overse	eas visitors comir	ng to Australia	a for specific o	elective medical
Expected length of stay under 5 days		EDO	GM DPCH		
Expected length of stay over 5 days	CE				
7.3. Waive Charges					
Authority to waive front end deductions for pri	vate patients:				
Up to \$1,000					PLO RM
Up to \$3,000				FM	
Up to \$5,000			DDF		
Up to \$10,000		DOF			
Up to and over \$50,000	CE				
Authority to waive other fees and charges:		1	T		
Authority to waive or reduce search fees for accessing medical records in respect to the Adoption Information Act for reasons of hardship. <i>Note: CE can delegate</i>					RM
7.4. Write Offs					
Delegations below apply to all bad debts, admission for patient fees and per invoice for			(see Section	13.5), with lin	nits applied per
Remit, postpone, reduce or write off account(s) up to \$5,000			DDF		
Remit, postpone, reduce or write off account(s) up to \$10,000		DOF			
Remit, postpone, reduce or write off account(s) over \$10,000	CE				

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8. RESTRICTED FINANCIA	L & CUSTO	DIAL TR	UST FUN	DS	
(excluding private Practice)					
Finance must confirm funds are available be	 efore requisitions	are processed			
See also Capital Expenditure Delegations –					
8.1. Ad Hoc Funding/Grants					
Authority to approve adhoc requests for gran 507):	nts from organisa	tions external t	to NSW Health (Process covere	d by PD2005-
Up to \$10,000 (CE only) – In compliance with PD2005_507. <i>Note: This delegation</i> <i>cannot be delegated to other officers</i>	CE				
Over \$10,000 (CE only) – Advice to Minister and in compliance with PD2005_507. Note: This delegation cannot be delegated to other officers	CE				
8.2. Deposits					
Reimbursement of deposits and other hiring fees and charges from special purpose holding accounts				ALL	
8.3. Establish / Close Accounts					
Authority to establish and/or close SP&T accounts		DOF		FM	
8.4. Expenditure					
Approve expenditure of RFA & CT funds in Accountant confirming funds are available in Note: excludes expenditure from private prac	the RFA&CT bar	nk account PRIC	OR to purchase:		ubject to Trust
Up to \$10,000 - For Divisional trust funds only			ALL		
Up to \$50,000 – For Divisional trust funds only		ALL	GMs DPCH		
Up to \$250,000		DOF			
Up to \$500,000	CE				
Over \$500,000 – Requires MOH approval					
Samaritan's fund – emergency support e	xpenditure:				
Approve emergency support expenditure from patients' assistance funds (<i>Note: CE</i> can delegate) Report to be provided to Finance Branch each month.			DDF		
Patient trust funds (mental health units):		-	- -		
Up to \$500					Mental Health COM
Up to \$5,000			GMMH		
Over \$5,000		DOF			
Public contributions account - plant and e	quipment exper	nditure:			
Approve expenditure from public contributio program – statement estimating annual ope	ns account on please account o	lant and equip ipated to be pre	ment: <i>Note: Mus</i> epared prior to ap	t be part of ap oproval.	proved capital
If part of approved capital program		DOF			
If NOT part of approved capital program	CE				
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Public contributions account - other Healt	th related expen	diture:			
Approve expenditure up to \$50,000		DOF			
Approve expenditure over \$50,000	CE				
8.5. Investments					
Investment of patients' money held in trusts			DDF		

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9. PRIVATE PRACTICE DE	LEGATION	IS			
See also Capital Expenditure Delegations – S	Section 10				
9.1. Open Trust Accounts					
In conjunction with full time salary clinicians on the pooling of funds			DDF		
9.2. Payment of Earnings					
Payment of Medical Specialists private practice earnings in accordance with election					Trust Accountant
Transfer of facility charge to general fund accounts					Trust Accountant
9.3. Expenditure					
Approve expenditure of No. 1 Account prive PD2015_009: As specified by management of				accordance with	NSW Health
Up to \$10,000			DDF		
Up to \$50,000		DOF			
Up to \$500,000	CE				
Over \$500,000 – requires MOH approval					
Approve expenditure of No. 2 Account funds i	n accordance with	the NSW Healt	h policy PD20	15_009:	-
Up to \$5,000 for any one item or project			DDF		
Up to \$50,000		DOF			
Up to \$500,000	CE				
Over \$500,000 – requires MOH approval					
9.4. Rights of Private Practice					
Authorise rights of private practice for medical practitioners		EDO DCG&MS			
Authorise rights of private practice for psychologists (in accordance with NSW Health PD2015_009, as varied from time to time)		DAH			
Authorise a Scheme D Staff Specialist to nominate a new level elections		EDO DCG&MS			

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10. CAPITAL AND MINOR		OGRAM	DELEGAT	TIONS	
Expenditure on any asset should not be made			-	operating cost	s that will
be incurred as a result of the purchase and See also Summary Financial Delegations: D	•		•		
		-			
10.1. Minor Works in the Approved					
All expenditure on capital projects and min SESLHD Capital Plan prior to exercising the	or works must be delegations belo	e endorsed by w:	the Executive C	Council and in	ncluded on the
Up to \$50,000 within allocated budget		ALL	GMs DPCH		
Up to \$100,000		DOF EDO			
Up to \$250,000	CE				
Over \$250,000 – Requires MOH Approval					
CE may apply to the MOH for a specific inst	rument of delegati	on for expenditu	ure greater than	\$250,000	
10.2. Capital Works Program (spe	cific project)				
Approval of contracts can only occur within a DOF approval within delegation, and followin				ocation or with s	specific
Approve / commit to capital building works / projects / grants up to \$100,000		DOF			
Approve / commit to capital building works / projects / grants up to \$500,000 (\$1m for Health Technology only)	CE				
Contracts over \$500,000 - must be referred instrument of delegation from MOH has been			0,000 for Health	Technology), ur	lless
Approve contract variations within approved project budgeted contract allowances and within annual funding allocation – up to 10% of original approved contract and up to \$50,000.	CE				
Delegation from MOH to CE for approved special projects	CE				
10.3. Purchase of Other Assets -	in accordanc	e with the P	rocurement	Policy Manu	al
Expenses on IT should be endorsed by the	e relevant IT Depa	ortment Head			
Fleet additions - within annual approved capital plan motor vehicle budget		DOF			
Fleet replacements - within annual approved capital motor vehicle budget		DOF			
IT capital - within annual approved capital plan IT budget		ICT			
IT capital cost up to \$500,000	CE				
10.4. Disposal of Assets					
Delegates who authorise the disposal of pla obtain appropriate counter-sign off. Delega or work colleagues. In accordance with SES	nt and equipment tes should not au SLHD Asset Dispo	should ensure thorise disposa sal Procedures	e appropriate sep Is to themselves	paration of respo s, family membe	onsibilities and ers, associated
Plant & equipment:					
Nil proceeds with original book value up to \$25,000			GMs DPCH		
Nil proceeds with original book value up to \$500,000		DOF			
Nil proceeds with original book value over \$500,000	CE				
Proceeds from sale up to \$3,000		ALL	GMs		
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(negotiated sales or acceptance of written proposal)			DPCH		
Proceeds from sale up to \$250,000 (3 written quotes)		DOF			
Proceeds from sale \$251,000 to \$500,000 (tender process or auction)	CE				
Proceeds from sale over \$500,000 (tender proceeds from sale over \$500,000 (ten	rocess) – Requir e	es MOH Approv	/al		
Land & buildings:					
See also Arrangement of Leases - Section 6.4 Authority to sell land and/or buildings – requires					

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11. TENDERS & CONTRAC	TS DELEG	ATIONS			
11.1. Tenders – in accordance with	the Goods a	nd Services	Procurement	Policy Man	ual
See Goods and Services Procurement Manu This section also applies to Restricted Finan Approval of tender process:			ocess		
Approve an invitation to tender and advertising	CE				
Approve LHD tender evaluation and r epresentation process		ALL	GMs DPCH		
Approve tender acceptance and awarding of the tender	CE				
Approve selective tendering	CE				
Exemptions / waivers:		·			
Authority to seek a waiver from quotations		DOF			
Authority to seek a waiver from tendering	CE				
Authority to seek State Government Contract exemption		DOF			
11.2. Contracts and Agreements					
All Agreements, Contracts and MOUs are to Signing goods & services contracts, (procurement process:		• • •	-	6.1), following	a compliant
Up to approved general fund d elegation level (refer to section 17) for the period of the contract / agreement – under one year		ALL	GMs DPCH		
Up to \$100,000 for the period of the contract / agreement – no longer than 3 years		ALL	GMs DPCH		
Up to \$250,000 for the period of the contract / agreement – no longer than 3 years		DOF EDO			
Over \$250,000 in total or over 3 years	CE				
Signing licence agreements (excluding in (MOU) agreements:	tellectual prope	erty agreement	s) or memorand	um of underst	anding
Up to \$100,000 for the period of the contract / agreement – no longer than 3 years		ALL	GMs DPCH		
Over \$100,000 in total or over 3 years	CE				

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12. GENERAL FINANCIAL	DELEGAT	IONS			
12.1. Accounting Records / Proce	dures / Repo	rts			
Authorise changes in accounting systems and procedures in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and MOH Directives		DOF			
Authority to certify correctness of reports to FP&A Committee		DOF			
12.2. Asset Register					
Identification of items to be included in asset register. Note: CE can delegate (AM S8 c6.0)					ALL
Approve adjustments to asset register (AAD 5.9). Requires annual report to FP&A Committee.		DOF			
12.3. Banking					
Authority to open, operate and close bank accounts (AM2.8)	CE	DOF (close)			
Authority to approve variation in banking institution utilised (AM2.8), in accordance with FP&A Committee recommendation – Requires MOH Approval					
Approve cheque signatories for operation of bank accounts (AM2.8), in accordance with FP&A Committee recommendation		DOF			
Approval of alternate times, means and methods for banking and issue of receipts as per requirements. <i>Note: CE can delegate (pg.2.1 to 2.3 AM)</i>			DDF		
12.4. Fringe Benefits Tax			•		
Approve and sign yearly FBT returns - Prepared by Trust Accountant			DDF		
Authorise quarterly FBT payment - Prepared by Trust Accountant			DDF		
Authority to open, operate & close bank accounts (AM2.8)	CE	DOF (close)			
12.5. Fundraising Activities					
In accordance with NSW Health Fundraising All fundraising over \$10,000 must have a fur	•				
Authority to approve the conduct of fundraising activities - minimal risks and expected income < \$20,000		ALL	GMs DPCH		
Authority to approve the conduct of fundraising activities - risks managed via controls with expected income > \$20,000	CE				
Authority to issue certificates of currency for the conduct of fundraising activities		DPC			
12.6. Funding Agreements / Gover	rnment Grant	ts			
Authority to accept and sign funding contract	s and governme	-	alf of SESLHD:	1	1
Up to \$250,000		DOF EDO DR			
Up to \$500,000	CE				
Over \$500,000 – Requires MOH Approval Authority to approve ad hoc requests for organisations external to NSW Health (PE			litions required	by MOH PD200	05_507 from
Up to \$10,000 (CE only) – In compliance	CE				
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with PD2005_507. Note: This delegation					
cannot be delegated to other officers. Over \$10,000 (CE only) Advice to Minister					
& in compliance with PD2005_507. Note: This delegation cannot be	CE				
delegated to other officers.					
12.7. Funding Shortfall					
Approval to apply for subsidy for funding shortfall	CE				
12.8. Goods & Services Tax (GST	Г)				-
Approve and sign monthly Business Activity Statement (BAS) for SESLHD			DDF		
Authorise agreements to issue/be issued with a Recipient Created Tax Invoice (RCTI)			DDF		
12.9. Investments	I I				
Investment of general fund monies in					
accordance with MOH and LHD policy - Senior Financial Accountant prepares, then invests as approved		DOF			
12.10 Risk Management / Insura	nce Claims				
Authority to submit insurance claims rel					
Professional indemnity/ liability claims		DCL			
Workers compensation claims		DPC			
			GMs		
Motor vehicle claims		ALL	DPCH		
Property / miscellaneous claims		ALL	GMs DPCH		
Agreement to out of court settlements:	· · ·			-	•
Up to \$500,000	CE				
Over \$500,000 - Requires MOH Approval			1	-1	-
Purchase of insurance policies: (with advice from TMF)		DOF			
12.11 Sponsorships/Gifts					
Approval of sponsorships up to and including \$10,000		ALL	GMs DPCH		
Approval of sponsorships up to and including \$25,000	CE				
Approval of sponsorships over \$25,000	Board F&P Committee				
Where SESLHD, or an employee of SESLHD is being sponsored					
Approval of sponsorship (AM 9.25) Sponsorship Principles - ICAC. Approval					
document to include clear indication if	CE				
sponsorship including research, overseas travel or addressing					
seminars/conferences					
Power to accept property by gifts, devices and bequests and accepting any					
conditions attached thereto over \$75 (refer to PD2015_045)	CE				
12.12 Stock adjustments					
Authority to write off / adjust non- pharmaceutical stock:					
Up to 5% of total stock holding up to maximum of \$10,000		DOF			
Over \$10,000	CE				
12.13 Rebate / Discount Agreem	ents				

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Authority to approve and sign the agreements on behalf of SESLHD		DOF			
13. HUMAN RESOURCE M	ANAGEM	ENT			
Unless otherwise specified a one up rule ap Delegates must not approve "self-related n the delegation. For example a delegate: • Must not authorise their own expenditu own higher duty allowance, overtime, or	oplies to this sec natters" or matte re or expenditure	tion rs that raise poter e reimbursement,			
 Must not approve any expenditure in repotential or perceived conflict of interest The authorising person for these and similar by the Chief Executive 	lation to a matte	r where they have			
13.1 Recruitment and Appointme	ents				
Approve the creation or recruitment of a	new position fr	om General Fund	1:		
LHD Chief Executive	BOARD				
Positions included in Budget – business case required	CE				
Positions not included in Budget – business case required	CE				
Approve the creation or recruitment of a	new position fr	om Restricted Fi	nancial Assets:		
Creation of new position – business case required	CE				
Rollover of contracted position with funding		ALL			
Approve the recruitment of vacant funded	d position			-	
Vacant less than 6 months (with review by the Employment Review Committee)		ALL	GMs DPCH		
Vacant greater than 6 months			CE		
Approve external advertising of position		,			
All positions					
Approve appointment of staff		ALL	GMs DPCH		
Determine commencing salary:		<u>т г</u>			
LHD Chief Executive	BOARD				
Tier 2 LHD Executive and all other HES positions	CE				
General Managers & LHD Tier 2	CE				
Health Manager classifications:					
Base level of band					Manager
Greater than the Base level of band (not more than 5% greater)		ALL	GMs DPCH		
Greater than the Base level of band (equal to or more than 5% greater)	CE				
SMPs / SDPs / VMOs / VDOs		CE(on the	advice of the N	IDAAC)	
Special Remuneration rates for non- specialist medical practitioners on short term / casual (Locum) basis	CE				
All other staff (in conjunction with HR / Award provisions)		ALL			
Criminal Record Checks: Approval should only be granted in emerge	ncy situations w	horo it is ossential	that the position	he filled	
Authority to approve an employee / person to commence subject to satisfactory CRC clearance			to Manager HR		
Authority to review/assess applicants who have a criminal history for suitability of employment		CE (d	elegated to DPC	2)	
Temporary appointments:					1
Acting CE (greater than 10 days)	BOARD				
Approve a conditional / temporary registration and extension of temporary /			GM DPCH		
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All other staff					Manager
VMO /VDO Claims forms:					
Certify claims					Manager
Authorise within contract hours					Manager
Authorise outside contract hours		EDO	GMs DPCH		
Authorise VMO Fee for Service claim			DPCH	ALL	
Forms 13.5. Payroll					
-		1			Health
Sign off Payroll Balancing Sheet					Share
Countersign EFT File Transfer Sheet					Health Share
Approve payroll expenditure - goods and services					Health Share
Authority to issue Taxation Payment Summaries					Health Share
Payroll overpayments – repayment variation		DPC			
Payroll overpayments – Write Off		DPC			
13.6 Leave					
Annual Leave:					
Approval to take annual leave					Manager
Sick leave:					
Up to 2 days - without medical certificate					Manager
More than 2 days - with medical certificate					Manager
Defense Force leave / State Emergency Service leave					Manager Principle HR Advisor
Study leave (exclude TESL):		1			
For Tertiary courses			ALL		
For Conference Leave – including attendance at conferences being "on- duty" and payment of fees			ALL		
For short courses (external)			ALL		
Scheme D and Pre- 1997 Study Leave entitlements regardless of Expenditure			DMS DPCH DCDMH		
Training, Education & Study Leave (TESL) In accordance to Ministry of Health Training, Edu Specialist Determination 2015		ly Leave (TESL) for S	Staff Specialists (SS	i) PD2019_43 an	d the Staff
Senior Medical Staff – Level 1 - regardless of Expenditure			DMS DPCH DCDMH		
Senior Medical Staff (in consultation with Trust Fund Management Committee) (TFMC) – Level 2-5			DMS DPCH DCDMH		TFMC Committee
Senior Medical Officer has insufficient TESL days or funds - Level 1. Based on the advice of the DMS			GM		
Senior Medical Officer has insufficient TESL days – Level 2-5 Based on the advice of the DMS			GM		TFMC Committee
Sabbatical leave for clinical academics			DMS		
Continuing medical education – CMOS		EDO	GM		

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			DPCH		
Long service leave:					
Approval of taking leave - up to 1 month					Manager
Approval of taking leave - over 1 to 12 months		ALL	GM DPCH		
Approval of taking leave - over 12 months	CE				
Payment in lieu of Long Service Leave for between 5 - 7 years' service		DPC			
Leave without pay – all staff:					
Approve up to 1 month			ALL		
Approve up to 12 months		ALL	GMs DPCH		
Approve over 12 months	CE				
Repatriation leave:		ALL	GMs DPCH		
Special leave:		ALL	GMs DPCH		
Other Specific leave:				1	
Maternity, Adoption and Parental Leave (including Maternity / Paternity Leave without pay (see above for AL & LSL) within award entitlements					Manager
Family and Community Service Leave and Personal / Carer's Leave					Manager
Jury duty					Manager
Exam leave					Manager
Trade union leave			ALL		Ť
Application to re-credit leave:					
Application to re-credit long service or annual leave due to incapacity		DPC			
13.7. Official Travel					
NSW Department of Health PD2015_019 n Approvals for travel in this section include a			ent in advance		
Overseas travel - expenditure from					
general fund within budget Overseas travel – expenditure from general fund over budget	CE MOH				
Expenditure from a RFA & CT fund (including SMPs using TESL in accordance with award)	CE				
Expenditure from a RFA & CT funds other than ROPP funds for overseas travel		ALL	GMs DPCH		
Overseas travel through sponsorship arrangements for SMO			DPCH DMS DPCH DCDMH		
Overseas travel through sponsorship arrangements within budget for Other staff		ALL	GMs DPCH		
Presenting papers at conferences / seminars		ALL	GMs DPCH		
Domestic travel, including air travel and	overnight stay				
Senior Medical Staff		ALL			
All other staff – up to \$1,000 All other staff – above \$1,000		ALL	ALL		
13.8. Training (see also study and	LES Leave	•)			
In service					Manager
External (within budgets)				ALL	

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13.9. Higher Duties Allowance (a	pprove payr	nent of higher	duties allow	/ance)	
LHD Executive Tier 2	CE				
General Managers		EDO			
Senior Medical Department Head Management Allowances		DCG&MS			
All other staff		ALL	GMs DPCH		
13.10. Overtime and Use of Agen	cy staff				
Authorise overtime and/or call-back of staff rostered on call (delegated to Nurse Managers – After Hours)				DON	
Issue of meal tickets for overtime in excess of 2 hours Use of agency staff:					Manager
Approval to use agency staff – nursing (delegated to Nurse Managers After Hours)				DON	
Approval to use agency staff – medical			GMs DPCH		
Approval to use agency staff – other		ALL	GMs DPCH		
13.11. Other personnel matters					-
Authorise Rights of Private Practice for Allied Health staff		DAH			
Secondments		ALL	GMs DPCH		
Secondments external	CE				
Approval to undertake paid work outside – Nursing				DON	
Approval to undertake paid work outside – Medical (on advice from local DCS)		DCG&MS			
Approval to undertake paid work outside - other	CE				
Change of contract hours within budget:		ALL	GMs DPCH		
Declaring staff excess / Voluntary redun	dancy:	1	-	-	-1
HES staff	BOARD				
Authority to offer voluntary redundancy package to employee	CE				
13.12. Disciplinary, Dismissal ar	nd Separatio	on Matters			
Disciplinary actions: Approval of remedial action (e.g. counselling)					Manager Facility HR Manager
Approval of warnings		ALL	GMs DPCH		Manager
Authority to demote or transfer staff (including transfer of staff to alternate duties or transfer staff to an alternate location)		ALL			
Dismiss staff following disciplinary procedures	CE				
Suspending staff	CE (Car	n be delegated to	the Director Pe	ople and Cult	ure)
13.13. Medical Specialists Award	Manageme	nt			
Temporary change in work arrangement between full and part- time		DCG&MS			
Permanent change in work arrangement from full to part-time or decrease in fraction (on GM approval)		DCG&MS			
Permanent change in work arrangement from part-time to full-time work or increase in fraction (on GM approval)		DCG&MS			
Recognition of specialist overseas qualifications (on the advice of MDAAC)	CE				

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Recognition as "senior specialist" (on advice of MDAAC)	CE				
Initial appointment to higher step / accelerated progression (on the advice of MDAAC)	CE				
Managerial allowance levels		DCG&MS			
Work location (on the advice of MDAAC)	CE				
Outside practice and other business activitie	es (recommend	ation from facility C	General Manage	er first)	
Leave approval					Manager
Performance agreements:		•			
Nominee of CE to sign for:					
Staff Specialists					Manager
Head of Department / District / Division		ALL			
LHD Stream Director / Service Director (in conjunction with DMS)		EDO			

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14. NON FINANCIAL DELEG	ATIONS				
14.1. Patient Transport					
Authorise air ambulance for patient Transport				Patient Flow Manager	
Authorise commercial flights for patients			GMs DPCH		
Authorise use of NSW Ambulance, hire cars or cab charge for patient transport.				Patient Flow Manager	
14.2. Community Groups					
Use of SESLHD facilities by Community groups for bona fide health related activities					Manager
14.3. Delegations – Additions / Dele	tions / Alte	rations			
Approve additions / deletions / alterations to the SESLHD Delegations Manual - In accordance with FP&A Committee recommendation		DOF			
14.4. Information Management and	Technolog	IУ			
Approve SESLHD network access					ALL
Approve software applications access					ALL
Approve internet access Approve external connections to the					Manager
corporate network – e.g. connection to employee's home via remote access. Note: Record to be kept of all external connections				ALL	
Approve linking data obtained from different sources within the public health system where the purpose is consistent with the original purpose for which data was collected, use of data is necessary for public health reasons or for efficient and effective management of health system and data will only be used for requested purpose (Privacy Manual S11)		ALL			
Approval of linkage per S11.5.5 where linkage is not consistent with the original purpose for which data was collected (Privacy Manual S11) - SHCEC or REC, whichever approval to recommend approval/denial to Data Administrator or CE		ALL			
Approve requests to link data from public health system data collection with data from external collection (Privacy Manual S11) - REC - make recommendation to approve/denyto Data Administrator or CE. Must inform SHCEC of decisions made		ALL			
Authorise use of notifiable disease data other than for official NSW MOH business related to disease notification or public health action (Privacy Manual S11 CE only)	CE				
Authorise identification of institutions or organisations in Notifiable Disease data where the individual/organisation has not given explicit written permission for such release (Privacy Manual S11 - can delegate)		DCL			
14.5. Media					
Media contact/releases on contentious issues i Policy & Procedures.	must have pric	or authorisation	of a Tier 2 as re	quired by SESLH	D Media
Authority to release a written statement relating to patients and accidents		ALL	GMs DPCH		
Other matters – written statement		ALL	GMs DPCH		

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Authority to make a verbal statement relating to patients and accidents		ALL	GMs DPCH		
Other matters – verbal statement		ALL	GMs DPCH		
14.6. Motor Vehicle Use – Refer SE	SLHD Moto	r Vehicle Po	licy SESLHD	PD/285	-
Allocation of vehicles for the purpose of private use in accordance with MOH and SESLHD policies	CE for HES and Executive Directors				
Approve private use of vehicle during periods of leave other than HES staff		ALL	GMs DPCH		
Authority to suspend use as a result of inappropriate use		ALL	GMs DPCH		
Approval to not affix identification stickers to motor vehicles due to unusual circumstances		ALL	GMs DPCH		
Approve use of private vehicles on official business - Check first with Fleet Officer on availability of SESLHD vehicle				ALL	
Accept accident notification					Fleet
Sign motor vehicle novated lease agreements		DOF			
14.7. Hospital Services					1
Approval of bed numbers		EDO			
Approval to cease patient care services or close services (AAD 3.4) - Subject to 14 days prior written notice to Minister through the Ministry	CE				
Approval to undertake/introduce new health services (AAD 3.5) - Subject to 21 days prior written notice to Minister through Secretary (CE)	CE				
14.8. Other					
Authority to authenticate documents using the Common Leal Note: CE can delegate (Health Services Act 1998 S135) Procedure to be in line with WSYD- PROC 202437)	Board				
Authority to sign-off Briefs / correspondence in response to Ministerials / NSW Health	CE				
Authority to sign Reportable Incidents briefings to be forwarded to MOH. Notify briefings to Director Corporate Communications and/or Public Relations Manager	CE				

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15. SERVICE AGREEMENT	S				
Enter into service agreements with Commonwealth	CE				
Enter into service / performance agreements with NSW Department of Health	CE				
Enter into service agreements with the Health Administration Corporation	CE				
Enter into service agreements with other affiliated organisations e.g. HSS	CE				

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16. RESEARCH and INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DELEGATIONS					
16.1. Research and Intellectual P	roperty Deleg	gations			
Materials Transfer Agreements	CE				
Inventor IP Assignment Agreements	CE				
Inter-institutional IP Assignment Agreements		DCL			
Research Collaboration Agreements		DR			
Contract Research Agreements		DR			
Copyright sale, purchase or transfer		DCL			

17. SUMMARY FINANCIAL DELEGATIONS – DOLLAR LIMITS OF DELEGATIONS

Summary of expenditure delegation applicable to roles within each level where expenditure type is not specifically identified within this Manual. See full list of delegated officers at Appendix 1.

Title		Delegation Level	General Fund Expenditure (within approved Budget)	General Fund Capital Expenditure	Special Purpose Trust Fund
Board Finance & Performance Committee	F&P	Board	>\$2,000,000	>\$500,000	>\$500,000
Chief Executive	CEO	Level 1	2,000,000	500,000	500,000
Executive Director Operations	EDO	Level 2	150,000	100,000	50,000
Director, Finance	DOF	Level 2	250,000	100,000	50,000
Director, Health ICT	ICT	Level 2	100,000	-	-
Director, People & Culture	DPC	Level 2	50,000	-	-
Director, Internal Audit	DIA	Level 2	50,000	-	-
Director, Corporate & Legal Services	DCL	Level 2	50,000	50,000	10,000
Director, Strategy, Innovation & Improvement	DSII	Level 2	50,000	50,000	10,000
District Director Nursing and Midwifery Services	DDON	Level 2	50,000	-	10,000
Director, Clinical Governance & Medical Services	DCG&MS	Level 2	50,000	-	10,000
Director Research	DR	Level 2	50,000	-	10,000
Director Allied Health	DAH	Level 2	50,000	-	10,000
General Managers	GMs	Level 3	50,000	50,000	50,000
Director, Population and Community Health	DPCH	Level 3	50,000	50,000	50,000
Deputy Director Finance	DDF	Level 3	50,000	50,000	10,000
Director of Nursing and Midwifery (Site)	DON	Level 4	25,000	-	-
Service Line Managers / Program Directors	SLM	Level 4	25,000	50,000	10,000
Director - Pharmacy (site) (pharmacy purchases)	DP	Level 4	150,000	-	-
Director - Pharmacy (site) (all other)	DP(site)	Level 4	10,000	-	-
Site Finance Managers / Finance Directors	FM	Level 4	25,000	25,000	25,000
Manager, Finance Accounting & Reporting	MFAR	Level 4	10,000	-	-
Manager, Management Accounting	MMA	Level 4	10,000	-	-
Director of Nursing and Midwifery (Site)	DON	Level 4	10,000	-	-
Tier 3 Management – all other		Level 4	10,000	-	-
Clinical Operations Manager, Mental Health	СОМ	Level 5	10,000	-	-
NUMs - Operating Theatre, NICU		Level 5	10,000	-	-
Department Heads & Managers with cost centre accountability		Level 5	3,000	-	-
Manager, Billing Service Centre	MBSC	Level 5	3,000	-	-

APPENDIX 1 – DELEGATED OFFICERS LIST IN FULL

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APPENDIX 2 – REQUESTS FOR AMENDMENT TO THE DELEGATIONS MANUAL

Suggested amendments or additions to the contents of the SESLHD Delegations Manual are to be forwarded in writing to the Director of Finance.

Suggested amendments or additions to this Delegations Manual must be endorsed by an appropriate Level 2 (or above) delegate prior to submitting to the Director of Finance for approval and endorsement. The template to use for submitting change requests is provided on the following page.

Amendments should be published within two weeks of being approved by the Director of Finance; and will become effective from the publication date.

The SESLHD Delegations Manual will be reviewed and re-issued annually.

APPENDIX 3 – SESLHD DELEGATION MANUAL CHANGE REQUEST

Requesting Officer	(Please enter your name)
Officer Designation	(Please enter your Position Title and Unit)
Delegations Manual Section	(Please reference the appropriate delegations section of the manual: e.g. 1a)
Delegations Section Description	(e.g. Delineation of Role of Local Health District)

DESCRIPTION OF ISSUES PRESENTED BY CURRENT DELEGATIONS

(Please outline what the issue is with the current delegation level outlined within this section of the Delegation's Manual.)

DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE REQUESTED

(Please outline in detail what the change being requested is and how this will address the issue noted above.)

Requesting Officer Signature	
Date	/ /
Level 2 Delegate Name:	
Level 2 Delegate Position Title:	
Level 2 Delegate Signature of endorsement	
Date	/ /

Endorsed Change Request form should be emailed to: sesIhd-finance@health.nsw.gov.au

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Date Change Request Form Received	/ /
Change Request Supported by Director of Finance	Y / N
Director of Finance Signature	
Date Noted by FP&A Committee	/ /
SESLHD Delegations Manual Adjusted & Published	Y / N

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APPENDIX 4 – SESLHD DELEGATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

Facility:				
Department:				
First Name:		Last Name:		
Substantive Position Title:				
Employee No:				
Email:				
Co	st Centres with pe	rmanent delegation respons	ibility:	
	Temp	oorary Delegation:		
Acting Position Title:				
Name of employee substantively in this role:			-	
Date acting from:	/ /	Date acting to:	/ /	
Cost Cen	tres with temporar	ry delegation responsibility	(acting role):	
	Authorised I	by Manager / T3 or Higher		
Manager/ T3 Print Name				
Signature	•			
 Signature I acknowledge and understand my responsibilities as an approving officer outlined in the Delegations Manual and agree to abide by the Responsibilities outlined within Section 3 of the Delegation Manual. In addition, I will not exceed recurrent and non-recurrent expenditure limits for my role and will ensure; Goods and Services are for official use and the claim is reasonable and cost effective. Funding is available to cover payment of expenditure. Expenditure approval is provided prior to any commitment being made, contract signed or purchase made. 				

Delegation Level:		
Specimen Signature: (p	lease sign within box below)	Specimen Initials: (please sign within box below)

Completed Form should be emailed to: Payal.Kapoor@health.nsw.gov.au

Authorised by Director of Finance					
Signature:		Date:	/ /		