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NATURE OF THE INCIDENT:

- Potential criminal action by a staff member at SHC who admitted they had fraudulently written a prescription to obtain a drug of dependence for their own use.

THE DATE AND TIME OF THE INCIDENT:

- The incident occurred 22 Oct 12 when the staff member presented the script at a civilian pharmacy.

ACTIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:

- The incident has been reported to the ADF Investigative Service.
- The Regional Manager for the Prime Contractor has been advised of the allegations involving the contracted staff member.
- It is the Commonwealth's opinion that these allegations are of sufficient severity for the Prime Contractor to discontinue ongoing engagement of the individual within the workplace while investigations are proceeding.

RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- The civilian pharmacist suspected fraudulent use of a prescription.
- The staff member notified Regional Health Service staff they had fraudulently written a script in the name of another contracted staff member who had allegedly agreed to the use of their personal details.
- The contracted medical officer at SHC had a legal obligation to notify the Drugs and Poison Regulation and has done so.

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