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**Workplace
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#Workplace Overview

Policies and Strategies

- 1. Do you have a formal policy and/or formal strategy in place that specifically supports gender equality in the following areas?**

Recruitment: Yes
Policy; Strategy

Retention: Yes
Strategy

Performance management processes: Yes
Policy

Promotions: Yes.
Policy; Strategy

Talent identification/identification of high potentials: YesStrategy

Succession planning: Yes
Strategy

Training and development: Yes
Policy; Strategy

Key performance indicators for managers relating to gender equality: No
- 2. Do you have a formal policy and/or formal strategy in place that supports gender equality overall?**
YesStrategy
- 4. If your organisation would like to provide additional information relating to your gender equality policies and strategies, please do so below.**

Governing Bodies

Organisation: Mercy Connect Limited

1.Name of the governing body: Mercy Community Services Australia Ltd

2.Type of the governing body: Board of Directors

Number of governing body chair and member by gender:

Chair	Female (F) 0	Male (M) 1	Non-Binary 0
Member	Female (F) 6	Male (M) 2	Non-Binary 0

4.Formal section policy and/or strategy: No

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Selected value: Do not have control over governing body/appointments

Details why there is no control over governing body/appointments: Appointed by Mercy Ministry Companions

6. Target set to increase the representation of women: No

Selected value:

Not a priority

7. Do you have a formal policy and/or formal strategy in place to support gender equality in the composition of this organisation's governing body?

No

Selected value: Not a priority

2. If your organisation would like to provide additional information relating to your gender equality policies and strategies, please do so below.

#Action on gender equality

Gender Pay Gaps

1. Do you have a formal policy and/or formal strategy on remuneration generally?

No

Salaries set by awards/industrial or workplace agreements; Non-award employees paid market rate; Other

Other: Contribute to and obtain benchmarking data pro-bono

2. What was the snapshot date used for your Workplace Profile?

31/03/2023

4. If your organisation would like to provide additional information relating to gender pay gaps in your workplace, please do so below.

Employer action on pay equality

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- 1. Have you analysed your payroll to determine if there are any remuneration gaps between women and men (e.g. conducted a gender pay gap analysis)?**

No

Salaries for SOME employees (including managers) are set by awards or industrial agreements and there IS room for discretion in pay changes (for example because pay increases can occur with some discretion such as performance assessments)Non-award employees paid market rate

- 3. If your organisation would like to provide additional information relating to employer action on pay equity in your workplace, please do so below.**

Employee Consultation

- 1. Have you consulted with employees on issues concerning gender equality in your workplace during the reporting period?**

NoNot aware of the need; Not a priority

- 2. Do you have a formal policy and/or formal strategy in place on consulting employees about gender equality?**

No

Not a priority; Not aware of the need

- 3. On what date did your organisation share your last year's public reports with employees and shareholders?**

Employees:

Yes

Date:13/02/2023

Shareholder:

- 4. Have you shared previous Executive Summary and IndustryBenchmark reports with the governing body?**

Yes

- 5. If your organisation would like to provide additional information relating to employee consultation on gender equality in your workplace, please do so below.**

#Flexible Work

Flexible Working

1. Do you have a formal policy and/or formal strategy on flexible working arrangements?

Yes

Strategy

1.1. Please indicate which of the following are included in your flexible working arrangements strategy or policy:

A business case for flexibility has been established and endorsed at the leadership level

Yes

The organisation's approach to flexibility is integrated into client conversations

No

Not aware of the need; Not a priority

Employees are surveyed on whether they have sufficient flexibility

Yes

Employee training is provided throughout the organisation

No

Not aware of the need; Not a priority

The impact of flexibility is evaluated (e.g. reduced absenteeism, increased employee engagement)

Yes

Flexible working is promoted throughout the organisation

Yes

Targets have been set for engagement in flexible work

No

Not a priority

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Metrics on the use of, and/or the impact of, flexibility measures are reported to the governing body

No

Not aware of the need

Metrics on the use of, and/or the impact of, flexibility measures are reported to key management personnel

Yes

Leaders are held accountable for improving workplace flexibility

Yes

Leaders are visible role models of flexible working

Yes

Manager training on flexible working is provided throughout the organisation

No

Not aware of the need; Not a priority

Targets have been set for men's engagement in flexible work

No

Not a priority

Team-based training is provided throughout the organisation

No

Not aware of the need; Not a priority

Other: No

2. Do you offer any of the following flexible working options to MANAGERS in your workplace?

Carer's leave: Yes

SAME options for women and men Formal options are available

Compressed working weeks: Yes

SAME options for women and men Informal options are available

Flexible hours of work: Yes

SAME options for women and men Informal options are available

Job sharing: Yes

SAME options for women and men

Formal options are available

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Part-time work: Yes

SAME options for women and men Formal options are available

Purchased leave: No

Currently under development

Estimated Completion Date: 2024-03-31

Remote working/working from home: Yes

SAME options for women and men

Time-in-lieu: Yes

SAME options for women and men

Informal options are available

Unpaid leave: Yes

SAME options for women and men Informal options are available

3. **Are your flexible working arrangement options for NON-MANAGERS the same as the options for managers above?**

Yes

5. **Did you see an increase, overall, in the approval of FORMAL flexible working arrangements for your workforce between the 2021-22 and the 2022-23 reporting periods?**

No

7. **If your organisation would like to provide additional information relating to flexible working and gender equality in your workplace, please do so below.**

#Employee Support

Paid Parental leave

1. **Do you provide employer-funded paid parental leave in addition to any government-funded parental leave scheme?**

No

Not a priority

2. **If your organisation would like to provide additional information relating to paid parental leave and gender equality in your workplace, please do so below.**

Support for carers

1. Do you have a formal policy and/or formal strategy to support employees with family or caring responsibilities?

No

Included in award/industrial or workplace agreement

2. Do you offer any of the following support mechanisms for employees with family or caring responsibilities?

- 2.1. Employer subsidised childcare

No

- 2.2. Return to work bonus (only select if this bonus is not the balance of paid parental leave)

No

Not a priority

- 2.3. Breastfeeding facilities

Yes

Available at SOME worksites

- 2.4. Childcare referral services

No

Not a priority

- 2.5. Coaching for employees on returning to work from parental leave

No

Other: Provided as per individual needs

- 2.6. Targeted communication mechanisms (e.g. intranet/forums)

No

- 2.7. Internal support networks for parents

No

- 2.8. Information packs for new parents and/or those with elder care responsibilities

No

- 2.9. Parenting workshops targeting fathers

No

- 2.10. Parenting workshops targeting mothers

No

2.11. Referral services to support employees with family and/or caring responsibilities

Yes

Available at ALL worksites

2.12. Support in securing school holiday care

No

2.13. On-site childcare

No

2.14. Other details: No

3. If your organisation would like to provide additional information relating to support for carers in your workplace, please do so below.

Sexual harassment, harassment on the grounds of sex or discrimination

1. Do you have a formal policy and/or formal strategy on the prevention and response to sexual harassment, harassment on the grounds of sex or discrimination?

Yes

Policy

- 1.3 Do you provide a grievance process in your sexual harassment policy and/or strategy?

Yes

2. Do you provide training on the prevention of sexual harassment, harassment on the ground of sex or discrimination to the following groups?

All Managers:

Yes

At induction

Varies across business units

Other

Provide Details: We are rolling out training from end of June

9. If your organisation would like to provide additional information relating to measures to prevent and response to sexual harassment, harassment on the grounds of sex or discrimination, please do so below.

Family or domestic violence

1. Do you have a formal policy and/or formal strategy to support employees who are experiencing family or domestic violence?

Yes

Strategy

2. Other than a formal policy and/or formal strategy, do you have the following support mechanisms in place to support employees who are experiencing family or domestic violence?

A domestic violence clause is in an enterprise agreement or workplace agreement

No

Confidentiality of matters disclosed

Yes

Protection from any adverse action or discrimination based on the disclosure of domestic violence

Yes

Employee assistance program (including access to psychologist, chaplain or counsellor)

Yes

Emergency accommodation assistance

No

Not a priority

Provision of financial support (e.g. advance bonus payment or advanced pay)

Yes

Flexible working arrangements

Yes

Offer change of office location

Yes

Access to medical services (e.g. doctor or nurse)

No

Not a priority

Training of key personnel

No

Not aware of the need; Not a priority

Referral of employees to appropriate domestic violence support services for expert advice

Yes

Workplace safety planning

Yes

Access to paid domestic violence leave (contained in an enterprise/workplace agreement)

Yes

Is the leave period unlimited?

No

How many days are provided?

10

Access to paid domestic violence leave (not contained in an enterprise/workplace agreement)

No

Not a priority

Access to unpaid domestic violence leave (contained in an enterprise/workplace agreement)

Yes

Is the leave period unlimited?

No

How many days are provided? 10

Access to unpaid leave

Yes

Is the leave period unlimited?

Yes

Other: No

Provide Details:

- 1. If your organisation would like to provide additional information relating to family and domestic violence affecting your workplace, please do so below**