

GENERAL HEALTH SERVICE WARNING STATEMENT

HEALTH COMPLAINTS ACT 2016 Section 87

KALAHE GAMAGE HARSHA GAMAGE (ALSO KNOW AS ROSGAN GAMAGE)

Public Warning:

The Victorian Health Complaints Commissioner issues the following General Health Service Warning Statement under section 87 of the *Health Complaints Act 2016*.

On 12 December 2023, the Commissioner commenced an investigation into Mr Kalahe Gamage Harsha Gamage (**Mr Gamage**). The decision to investigate was made based on information received by the Health Complaints Commissioner alleging that Mr Gamage represented that he was qualified to practice as an Ayurvedic medicine practitioner in Australia. In doing so, Mr Gamage dissuaded his clients from seeking services of registered medical practitioners and from using medications prescribed to them. Mr Gamage reportedly convinced his clients that Ayurvedic medicine alone can cure serious medical conditions. Further, Mr Gamage requested and accepted large loan payments from his clients, allegedly after he diagnosed them with serious medical conditions which he claimed he could cure.

The Commissioner reasonably believes that Mr Gamage may have contravened the Code of Conduct as set out in Schedule 2 of the *Health Complaints Act 2016*, and that it is necessary to publish this warning statement to avoid an imminent and serious risk to the health safety or welfare of the public.

In addition to this warning statement, the Commissioner has also issued an Interim Prohibition Order against Mr Gamage, a copy of which can be accessed on our website at https://www.hcc.vic.gov.au/orders-warnings/prohibition-orders

Members of the public who have any concerns about this matter, or any other health service, are urged to contact the Health Complaints Commissioner by calling 1300 582 113 or by completing an online complaint at hcc.vic.gov.au/make-complaint.

Adjunct Professor Bernice Redley Health Complaints Commissioner

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