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Surgery at Murwillumbah Hospital

Dear Mr Hayes

Gerard.

Please accept this update about surgery at Murwillumbah District Hospital.

The Northern NSW Local Health District Board has made a commitment to the community to increase levels of surgery in line with projected demand.

Tracey Maisey, Chief Executive, Northern NSW Local Health District, has reassured me that following the opening of Tweed Valley Hospital, operating theatres at Murwillumbah District will continue to deliver low complexity high volume day surgery to patients within the Tweed Valley region.

The hospital will provide day surgery for suitable patients requiring ophthalmology, urology, ear nose and throat, general surgery, and endoscopy procedures.

In consultation with the orthopaedic surgeons, the District plans to transition orthopaedic surgery to Tweed Valley Hospital. The orthopaedic sessions at the hospital will be replaced with 4 additional planned endoscopy sessions due to increased demand for endoscopy services in the Tweed Valley region.

For more information, please contact Lynne Weir, Director Clinical Operations, Northern NSW Local Health District at lynne.weir@health.nsw.gov.au or on 0417 168 345.

Yours sincerely



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