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Dear Mr Hayes

I am writing to advise you of proposed changes to the Adult Community Mental Health Teams within Liverpool/Fairfield Community Mental Health Service, South Western Sydney Local Health District ("SWSLHD").

It is proposed to establish the Mental Health Assertive Treatment Teams for the Liverpool and Fairfield Community Mental Health Service. The development of assertive treatment capability is an identified strategic objective of the SWSLHD Mental Health Service. The service currently has an assertive treatment team in Macarthur and Bankstown, but not in the Liverpool/Fairfield Local Government Areas ("LGA"). This has been identified as a gap in services.

The SWSLHD Mental Health Service has identified an opportunity to consider a change of the Liverpool/Fairfield Therapy and Recovery Service ("TARS"). This team currently provides clinical services that are less acute and assertive in the Liverpool/Fairfield LGAs. The existing services are valuable, however as services and consumer needs have evolved, there is increased demand for the mental health service to provide a more assertive service.

It is envisaged that the proposed change will deliver high quality assertive community treatment to consumers within the Liverpool and Fairfield LGAs, improve responsiveness to consumer needs, provide better access to appropriate and effective treatment for consumers with complex mental health needs, and improve staff satisfaction.

To ensure the proposed changes have the input of employees, consultation is being planned, in line with the consultative provisions of the Health Employees' Conditions of Employment (State) Award, I am writing to invite you to attend a meeting with employees to discuss the proposed changes on 14<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm and to provide any comments regarding the proposed changes within two weeks from the date of this meeting.

Alternatively, I would be happy to meet to discuss this matter further with your representatives prior to this meeting.

If you would like to discuss the proposed changes further, please do not hesitate to contact me by email [leah.roberts1@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:leah.roberts1@health.nsw.gov.au) or by phone 0447 109 958.

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Yours sincerely

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