

7 November 2024

Mr Gerard Hayes
General Secretary
Health Services Union
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Dear Mr Hayes

Re: Proposed changes to operating hours of Safe Haven, Port Macquarie, NSW

I am writing to advise you of proposed changes to the operating hours of Safe Haven for the Mid North Coast Local Health District (MNCLHD), which has the potential to affect your members.

The Safe Haven service has been operating in a temporary location in Port Macquarie base hospital since February 2021 while a permanent site for the service was sourced. The new building is located off campus from the hospital and therefore review of service hours is timely. Currently staff work 1pm – 9.30pm Thursday to Sunday and the proposal is to change these shifts to 11am – 7.30pm. This proposal is aimed at increasing the opening hours of the service, addressing staff safety and security and reflects times that are expected to better meet the needs of the community.

We are commencing consultation via a meeting with staff on Thursday 14th November 2024. The meeting will commence at 4.30pm at Community Mental Health, Port Base Hospital. We invite a delegate from the Association to attend the consultation meeting.

The consultation period will be open for feedback and comments until 30th November 2024.

Should you require further information or would like to arrange a meeting please contact me via email david.noble2@health.nsw.gov.au or phone 02 66567958

Yours sincerely



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