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## **Re: Paediatric Services decant plan**

As part of Canberra Health Services' continuing commitment to keeping our valued stakeholders informed, I wish to advise of you of the Paediatric services decant plan being implemented to support the Centenary Hospital for Women and Children Expansion Project

We held an information forum with Unions on 18 January 2022 which provided an overview of the decant program for 2022, the move of Paediatric services to Building 1 Ward 8B was part of that information briefing.

Paediatric Adolescent Ward (PWA) located in Block A level 1 will be decommissioned in March 2022, to enable the construction of the new Adolescent Unit and the Adolescent Mental Health Day Service. Building 1 Ward 8B (8B) will be the decant location for PWA and Paediatric inpatient services from 8 March 2022 to June 2023.

8B has capacity for 26 inpatient beds and Paediatrics will transfer two inpatient services from the Centenary Hospital for Women and Children into 8B to gain the efficient use of the bed capacity in this Ward. The decant strategy of utilising 8B enables Paediatrics to retain their total bed availability (including surge capacity).

In recent months, 8B has been used as a respiratory COVID-19 Ward. The 15-bed Medical Ward located in Block B level 1 of the Centenary Hospital for Women and Children (CHWC) will be designated for COVID patients, as required. The CHWC Medical Ward has eight negative pressure inpatient beds.

The Model of Care for 8B will focus on the consolidation of high-acuity Paediatric patients, who would otherwise be managed across two speciality wards in CHWC, the Paediatric High Care Ward and Paediatric Medial Ward.

We are planning a focussed information session on this decant move to 8B in mid-February 2022, an email invitation will be issued with the details

We are well advanced with the decant planning activities and the dates for the service relocation on the 8 March are confirmed.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan Freiberg'. The signature is written in a cursive style with large, flowing letters.

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