

17 December 2021

Mr Gerard Hayes Health Services Union Level 2, 109 Pitt Street Sydney NSW 2000 Private & Confidential

By email: info@hsu.asn.au

Dear Mr Hayes,

Change to Operating Hours – Maitland Dental Clinic, Hunter New England Oral Health

I write to advise you of a change to the operating hours of the Maitland Dental Clinic (the Clinic), of Hunter New England Oral Health.

The hours of the Clinic are currently 8.30am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday. Staff of the Clinic have approached management with a request to change the hours to 8.00am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.

On 8 December 2021, clinic staff held a meeting with their supervisor and advised that all staff had agreed that they wanted to change the current operating hours. No concerns or issues were raised by staff about the change during this meeting.

This proposal was also discussed with Health Service Union representatives at an Oral Health Staff Consultative Committee meeting held on Friday 10 December 2021.

Oral Health Management are supportive of the change which would see greater alignment with the operating hours of other clinics.

Clinic staff are keen to see the change in hours coincide with the opening of the new Maitland Hospital dental clinic. To that end, we are working towards having the new operating hours effective from 24 January 2022 when the new clinic is scheduled to see its first patient.

Please contact me if you have any questions or wish to discuss this change further.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr Nathan Mulley Manager Oral Health Services

cc. Patsy Rowe, Clinical Co-ordinator, Maitland Dental Clinic Tracey Gaddelin, Organiser HSU NSW/ACT/QLD

