

Wednesday 4 September 2024

Mr Gerard Hayes
Secretary
Health Services Union
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Dear Gerard,

NSW Health Pathology – Review of Laboratory services in Microbiology Westmead

Early 2024, the local leadership team initiated a taskforce focused on identifying opportunities for efficiencies across our WSLHD Laboratories. The role of the taskforce was to act as an independent, impartial team, seeking initiatives that will drive local efficiencies and ensure we have the best models in place for the continued delivery of quality, reliable and sustainable NSWHP services into the future. The taskforce undertook this task in an environment where testing complexity is increasing, and the volume of tests are on the rise.

The taskforce has identified preliminary efficiencies where we can leverage automation and workflow efficiencies across our service in Serology, Virology, Molecular Microbiology and Core Microbiology.

The local leadership team have received the identified preliminary efficiencies and will now work closely with the relevant Laboratory Managers and Clinical team to review before we initiate further consultation.

If you have any queries please feel free to contact me on (02) 8890 9665.

Yours sincerely,



David Spence
Senior Operations Manager
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