



Health
Mid North Coast
Local Health District

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Mr Gerard Hayes
Secretary
Health Services Union NSW/ACT/Qld
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Email: secretary@hsu.asn.au

Dear Mr Hayes

I am writing to advise of a proposed realignment within the Occupational Therapy Department at Kempsey District Hospital.

The planned action is to realign the positions of 0.21 FTE Occupational Therapist Level 3 and 1 FTE Allied Health Assistant Level 3 into a newly created 0.88 FTE Occupational Therapist Level 1 / 2 position.

The benefits of an Occupational Therapist at this level will allow for an improved staffing profile and enhance direct patient care across occupational therapy services at Kempsey District Hospital. This position will provide opportunity for increasing roster flexibility within a small team, enhance capacity for service development and quality improvement, and support an increase to allied health outpatient activity in the Macleay Health Service area that exists as a current gap in service provision.

There will be no employees affected by this change as both positions are soon to be vacant following resignations.

It is anticipated the realignment will be progressed over the next two weeks and recruitment for the position to be commenced shortly.

Should you require further information please contact myself by COB Friday 1 October 2021 on 0428 660 068 or through email at Ben.Walkling@health.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben Walkling'.

Ben Walkling
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