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POWH Emergency Department Assessment Unit (EDAU)

Dear Mr Hayes

As you may be aware, work has been underway in recent months to prepare for the opening of the Prince of Wales Hospital Emergency Department Assessment Unit (EDAU).

With input from staff across the ED, Mental Health and Drug & Alcohol teams, significant improvements have been made in this period to both the Model of Care and facilities, with the safety of our workers front of mind.

Recently there have been some concerns raised by staff representatives relating to the design of the EDAU staff station, and those concerns have been escalated to SafeWork NSW, who visited the site on Wednesday 12 June 2024.

Further to our meeting with SafeWork NSW, we are continuing to collaborate with our staff and their representatives to ensure that all staff feel safe in the EDAU, specifically the staff station. We understand that there continue to be safety concerns about the design of the station, and we would like to work together with our staff and their representatives to identify appropriate engineering controls that may be implemented.

SESLHD will be implementing a consultation process with staff and their representatives from week commencing 24 June. This will involve staff having the opportunity to attend a consultation session at the EDAU staff station in which they can share concerns and provide input to engineering controls that may be fitted:

- a. To the counter of the staff station, and
- b. To the side doorways of the staff station

We also appreciate that some staff may wish to provide input/feedback anonymously, and as such we will provide staff a QR code through which they can access a survey and provide feedback on the engineering controls presented, and any further ideas they may wish to share to help improve the station design.

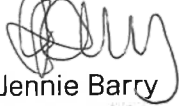
The consultation sessions for w/c 24 June are as follows:

- Monday 24 June – 2:00pm – 3:00pm
- Tuesday 25 June – 7:30am – 8:30am
- Wednesday 26 June – 7:30am – 8:30am
- Thursday 27 June – 2:00pm – 3:00pm
- Friday 28 June – 2:00pm – 3:00pm

We welcome the attendance and participation of the HSU, and other representatives, at these consultation sessions. The sessions will be facilitated by a member of the Human Resources team and there will be a number of subject matter experts present to support discussions, including representatives from Health, Safety & Wellbeing, Drug & Alcohol, Mental Health and Emergency Dept.

Should you wish to discuss further, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely



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