Northern Sydney Local Health District

Mr Gerard Hayes
The General Secretary
Health Services Union (HSU)
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Re: NSLHD MHDA - Notification of Proposed Realignment | New Brookvale Safe Haven service

Dear Mr Hayes,

I write with reference to a proposed realignment within Northern Sydney Local Health District, (NSLHD), Child and Youth Mental Health Service, (CYMHS).

The NSW Ministry of Health has provided additional recurrent funding to Northern Sydney Local Health District (NSLHD) to assist in the establishment of a new Safe Haven service within the District, to be located within the Brookvale Community Health Centre.

The Safe Haven service is intended for young people who are aged 12-17 who are suicidal, live in the NSLHD catchment area, and otherwise would attend emergency departments as a first option. The new Brookvale Safe Haven will be a multidisciplinary mental health service supporting these vulnerable priority populations. The initiative will be managed within the scope of the NSLHD CYMHS services offered by the Youth Response Team (YRT).

The enhanced funding received supports an additional 1.6 FTE Mental Health Clinicians and 2.0 FTE Peer Workers. The new Brookvale Safe Haven is proposed to operate 7 days a week from 4pm to 8pm, whereby young people can attend the centre, staffed each shift by one Mental Health Clinician and one Peer Worker, offering safety planning, one to one support, assistance with referral to other services and social support.

Strategically, the Safe Haven Mental Health Clinicians and Peer Workers are part of the YRT, based at either North Ryde or Mona Vale.

Please find attached a detailed consultation document including current and proposed Organisation Charts for your consideration and review. Additionally, I have attached the proposed new Position Descriptions.

This letter marks the commencement of a formal two-week consultation period. I invite you to provide any feedback, comment, questions or concerns on this proposal. The consultation period will conclude two weeks from the date of this letter.

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The NSW Nurses and Midwives Association, the Association of Salaried Medical Officers Federation (ASMOF) and impacted employees within CYMHS have also been provided with the proposal on the same date as this letter.

Further, in accordance with the NSW Health Policy Directive Industrial Consultative Arrangements (PD2011_002) I extend the opportunity for a Union Specific Consultative Committee (USCC) meeting to discuss the proposal in detail (if requested or deemed required).

I wish to advise that if you do not provide feedback on the proposal or request a USCC within two weeks from the date of this letter it will be deemed that the HSU has no concerns with the proposal, and I will progress to implementing the realignment accordingly.

If the HSU, or your members have any queries, questions, or concerns regarding this, please contact me via email at Ayisha.Chitakunye@health.nsw.gov.au I can also be contacted via telephone on 02 8877 4049 Alternatively, you may wish to contact Gerard Drinan, at Gerard.Drinan@health.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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Date: 17 June 2024

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Encl.   TAB A Consultation Proposal Document
        TAB B Position Descriptions