

Mr Nick Haughain
Organiser
Health Services Union
Via email: Nichols.haughain@hsu.asn.au

Re: Consultation regarding proposed changes at Shoalhaven District Memorial Hospital

Dear Mr Haughain,

I am writing to formally advise the Health Services Union that the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District (ISLHD) is considering all feasible options to increase bed capacity at Shoalhaven District Memorial Hospital (SDMH) to assist with the current high demand the SDMH is facing.

It is proposed that 8 vacant beds in the current Sub-Acute Mental Health building on the SDMH campus will be utilised for appropriately assessed patients from general inpatient wards. It is proposed that the change will take place as soon as practically possible.

There will be no impact or reduction in the current staffing levels of the Sub-Acute Mental Health Team in Nowra as a result of this change.

Communication with impacted staff is currently underway and there will be multiple planning sessions in the coming days and weeks, providing relevant staff with an opportunity to contribute to the successful introduction of this change.

In line with the consultative provisions of the Health Employees' Conditions of Employment (State) Award 2023, I am writing to invite you to a meeting with myself and other members of the Shoalhaven Hospital Group Executive to discuss the proposed changes as a matter of urgency. It is hoped that you will be able to provide feedback on the proposed changes and work with the team to achieve this much needed increase in beds as quickly and as smoothly as possible.

The proposed meeting time is **Thursday 27 June 2024 at 1.00pm**. A meeting request will be sent shortly with the Teams Meeting login details.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Suzanne Lide on 0459 898 243 or via email suzanne.lide@health.nsw.gov.au.

Sincerely,



Frank Bazik
General Manager
Shoalhaven Hospital Group

Date: 21 June 2024