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Dear Mr Hayes,

Re: Proposed Changes to the NSW Children's Healthcare Network

The NSW Children's Healthcare Network (CHN) was established in 2001 by the NSW Department of Health in response to the Government Action Plan for Health with the broad aim of ensuring children have access to high quality healthcare as close to home as possible, regardless of where they live.

In 2021, an external review of the CHN was commissioned by NSW Ministry of Health with a focus on exploring how the CHN could be optimised to support better outcomes for clinicians, children, young people and their families. The review emphasised that the findings were focussed on the changes that were needed at the system level.

In line with the recommendations from the formal review of the CHN that was conducted in 2022, the CHN will cease and transition to a new network, the Children Young People and Families Health Network (CYPFHN). The primary objective of these changes is to develop a future for the CHN that will support better outcomes for children, young people and families in NSW.

Under the new arrangements there will be one statewide team that will focus on identified statewide priorities with a new governance structure and ways of working. CYPFHN will be a network for the state jointly hosted by Sydney Children's Hospitals Networks (SCHN) and Hunter New England Local Health District (HNELHD).

Please find attached a copy of the consultation document which outlines the proposed changes. Staff have been requested to provide feedback by close of business 1 June 2024. If you could provide any feedback regarding the proposed structure also by close of business 1 June 2024.

Should you have any questions, please contact:

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Yours sincerely,



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