



Mr Gerard Hayes  
Branch Secretary  
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Dear Gerard ,

I am writing to let you know that on 10 January 2024 Corrective Services NSW announced a decision to consolidate beds in some sections of our state's prisons.

Corrective Services NSW have advised the decision was made following a review of the inmate population. Across the state, they have the capacity to hold 15,600 inmates, with the current population at 12,300.

Specifically, Corrective Services NSW will implement temporary consolidations from **12 February 2024** in the following areas:

- Cessnock Correctional Centre (4 Wing)
- Bathurst Correctional Centre (Area 1)
- Goulburn Correctional Centre (Areas 3 and 4)
- Long Bay Hospital (Area 2)
- Metropolitan Special Programs Centre (Area 1)

Corrective Services NSW are also currently holding information sessions at each of these facilities and that our people are also being invited to attend. Senior representatives from Justice Health NSW are attending each centre to support health staff.

We are not yet aware of all the details of the proposed changes and what the impact will be on our people, organisation, or service. We do not expect any job losses and will work in consultation with our staff to ensure our services to the custodial population are maintained.

In the coming days and weeks, we will be meeting with Corrective Services NSW to discuss the impacts of this decision and we are committed to keeping you informed as more information becomes available.

I have asked Richard Perin, Manager Workplace Relations to be our contact in respect of these changes. Please do not hesitate to reach out to him on Ph. 0418 158 139, or [richard.perin@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:richard.perin@health.nsw.gov.au).

Of course, where there are any significant impacts, we will work in partnership with you to ensure the best outcomes for our people, and wherever possible, to ensure existing services are not disrupted.

I recognise that this announcement may be of concern to some of our people, and I want to thank you once again for your ongoing support to our people.



**Justice Health and  
Forensic Mental Health Network**

Together with our senior executive team, I remain committed to supporting excellent patient care, and welcome your support and representations as this process evolves.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wendy Hoey', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Wendy Hoey  
Chief Executive

19 January 2024