Northern NSW Local Health District



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Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drugs

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From	Callen Farmer, A/District Service Manager, Alcohol and Other Drugs Service
Subject	Relocation of AOD staff - Lismore Campus

Further to previous correspondence, I write to advise of the move of premises of some of the staff working in Alcohol and Other Drug Services in our Lismore campus.

Currently all Lismore Alcohol and Other Drug staff are located in the Riverlands building at 75 Hunter Street Lismore, adjacent to the Lismore Base Hospital campus.

As a result of the funding made available following the Special Inquiry into the Drug Ice, Alcohol and Other Drug Services has been able to secure a lease on 51 Uralba Street Lismore, which is also adjacent to the Lismore Base Hospital Campus.

Following discussion with staff, the Lismore MERIT team, Hospital Clinical Liaison (HCL) and District Clinical Nurse Consultant will move to 51 Uralba Street. The staff are very excited about the new premises and space and have been heavily involved in discussions and planning.

In addition to the move of the above staff, the ICE funding will also see further expansion of Alcohol and Other Drug Services inclusive of new positions. The move to 51 Uralba Street also support the expansion of our services.

Please be advised that Workplace Health & Safety (WHS) have been engaged throughout this process to ensure appropriate WHS inspection and management of any fire, safety and security requirements and we will continue to actively work with them to ensure staff wellbeing.

The Uralba Street premises will have 1.0 FTE of administration support and be site managed by the clinical lead of the Merit team. Operational responsibility of the Merit and HCL staff will remain with the Nurse Manager Richmond/Clarence AOD. The District CNC3 will continue to report to the District Service Manager AOD.

We hope to commence the short transfer to the 51 Uralba Street on Friday 19th July with the staff based at Uralba Street from Monday 22nd July 2024. Should you have any questions or concerns please reach out to me on 0477 329 835 or <u>callen.farmer@health.nsw.gov.au.</u>

Kind regards

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