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Mr Jeremy Lappin
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Attention Tracey Gaddelin, Organiser via email (Tracey.Gaddelin@hsu.asn.au)

Dear Tracey,

RE: HNE Imaging New Maitland Hospital

I refer to your recent email correspondence dated 18 August 2022 in regards to the six month review of the temporary enhancement of 1.0 FTE Radiographer at the New Maitland Hospital which commenced operation in January 2022.

As agreed on the 28 February 2022, Hunter New England Imaging commenced an additional temporary 1.0 FTE Radiographer in April 2022 for an initial 6-month period to assess whether the transition to the New Maitland Hospital from the old Maitland Hospital would result in an ongoing increase in imaging activity. Additionally, the intent of the review period was to determine whether the additional temporary 1.0 FTE Radiographer position at the New Maitland Hospital was required permanently.

Due to the impacts of COVID-19 on the Hunter New England Imaging Service (HNEI), a full and proper assessment was unable to occur during the initial review period. In particular, it was determined that activity was impacted by access restrictions to the hospital particularly for outpatients due to COVID-19.

Given this, HNEI extended the additional 1.0 FTE for a further six months to allow an accurate analysis of activity from the new site. To clarify, the extended review period allows for the normalisation of activity and a full year of activity from the new site to be reviewed. The contract for the additional 1.0 FTE is due to cease on 23 April 2023.

It is proposed that the activity will continue to be monitored by HNEI with a full and proper assessment of the ongoing requirement for the additional FTE to be undertaken in February 2023. Further consultation with the HSU will occur at that time.

Should you wish to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me via Olasunbo.Olalere@health.nsw.gov.au. I am also happy to discuss further via phone, I can be contacted 49214139.

Yours sincerely

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