

28 October 2022

Mr Gerard Hayes
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Attention: Tracey Gaddelin – Organiser

Via email: Tracey.Gaddelin@hsu.asn.au and secretary@hsu.asn.au

Dear Mr Hayes,

Re: Additional Medical Surge Beds – Maitland Hospital

I am writing to advise that a decision has been made to extend the opening of the 10 temporary Medical Surge Beds, Level 1, Maitland Hospital which opened on 27 July 2022.

Due to the continued increase in patient presentations, these additional beds will remain open until 31 December 2022 to continue to manage the surge activity and mitigate significant bed block issues and TOC delays being experienced in the Emergency Department.

To reduce pressure on the wards, we continue to manage a roster from permanent pooled staff in the surge area, providing consistent staffing. We will continue to regularly monitor activity and bed demand and if possible, endeavour to close the surge beds earlier than 31 December 2022.

These beds will continue to be managed by Ms Jo Bisson, Nursing Unit Manager for the Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

If you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 4087 2058 or Paula Richards, Director of Nursing & Midwifery, Lower Hunter Sector on (02) 4987 2032.

Yours sincerely,



Christine Osborne
General Manager
Lower Hunter Sector