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Good Afternoon [REDACTED],

It has come to the attention of the Sub-Branch that the afternoon infectious cleaning shift is to be ceased at Manning Base Hospital. This shift was introduced as part of the hospital response to Covid-19 and as such has been in place for approximately 3 years. It is understood that the ending of this shift would result in afternoon cleaning, including time consuming infectious cleans, falling upon the already overloaded HSAs.

We assert that the shift is necessary and is required ongoing. During the time it has been operational, hospital activity has increased exponentially and has already significantly impacted the HSAs workload. Further, if required for emergency security or ward assistance whilst they are performing an infectious clean, staff and patient safety will be placed at risk through significantly delayed HSA response times due to the time taken to comply with correct doffing and sanitising procedures. Moreover, Covid-19 outbreaks are still occurring, and we maintain that having this shift fully engaged for three years demonstrates the need for it to become a permanent addition to the roster.

The Sub-Branch resolved to call upon Manning Base Hospital management to recognise the need to have these duties performed by a dedicated Hospital Assistant (Cleaner) and not part of the HSA workload/duties by making make this shift permanent. We respectfully request a response to our resolution by COB: 27.10.2023.

Kind Regards

HSU Manning Hospital Sub-Branch