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Changes to Aged Care Assessment for NSW Health

Dear Gerard,

I'm writing to you about advice the Ministry is sending out to NSW Health staff about the new Single Aged Care Assessment System being introduced by the Australian Government.

As you may know, the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care (the Department) is introducing a new single aged care assessment system commencing on 1 July 2024. The new system will incorporate the existing Aged Care Assessment Teams (ACAT), Regional Assessment Service (RAS) and Australian National Aged Care Classification (AN-ACC) functions.

The Department has confirmed that NSW Health will continue to provide all in-hospital assessments (currently provided by ACAT) as well as a portion of community based clinical and non-clinical assessments (currently provided by RAS and ACAT) under the new system. The Department has also advised it will allocate assessment market share to NSW Health firstly through bilateral negotiations which are currently underway, followed by a closed tender.

The Ministry has developed the attached 'Single Aged Care Assessment System Factsheet' which it is sending out to relevant managers across NSW Health to distribute to staff in ACAT, RAS and AN-ACC functions. The Factsheet will be updated and redistributed as required once more is known about transition to the new system.

While we are still in the early stages of negotiations with the Department and we only have limited information at this stage, we would be happy to organise a meeting with representatives of the Health Services Union to discuss further. We have also written to the NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association.

If you have any questions or would like a meeting to be set up, the relevant contact is Kate Jonas, Associate Director Workplace Relations Branch on 9391 9740 or kate.jonas@health.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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