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Dear Mr Hayes

## **CHHC Redevelopment – Sterilisation Department**

As tabled briefly at a Staff Consultative Committee meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020, we write to advise that refurbishment works within the Sterilising Department are planned to commence in April 2021.

While the area is refurbished, CSSD will operate temporarily out of a mobile unit which will be located on the western side of the Health Campus (where the current COVID clinic is located).

Due to the reduced size of the mobile unit in comparison to the existing premises along with COVID restrictions, only 6 staff will be allowed in the unit at any one time. To overcome any barriers that this may pose, it has been proposed to make a temporary change to shifts within the Unit, commencing mid-March 2021.

It is proposed that rather than having staggered start times for staff throughout the day, that two start times would be more feasible (thereby making it easier to ensure that staff numbers on site do not exceed 6).

- Morning shift would commence at 6:30am (currently 7am) and will conclude at 2:30pm.
- Late shift would commence at 2:30pm and will conclude at 11pm.

Current CSSD staff have been consulted regarding this solution and positive feedback was received. All appropriate actions will be taken to ensure that staff are not negatively impacted during this time.

Should you require further information or assistance please contact Peter Nolan on 02 6656 7556 or via email at peter.nolan@health.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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