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Att: Gerard Hayes
Secretary

Health Service Union
Level 2, 109 Pitt Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Via email: info@hsu.asn.au

Dear Mr Hayes

Transition of Services - Gunnedah Rural Health Centre

I am writing to advise you that Gunnedah District Health Service intend to commence a transition of several services from Gunnedah District Hospital, Hunter New England Local Health District (HNE LHD), to another facility on site.

This transition will include relocating Community Health Services and the provision for external health providers to move into a shared space within an existing facility of Gunnedah Rural Health Centre. It is anticipated that this will be completed in December 2020.

By way of background, in August 2020, the Commonwealth Government signed over the deed to manage Gunnedah Rural Health facility to HNE LHD and as such the opportunity arises to integrate primary health services for the Gunnedah community and this will result in improved patient experiences. This will also result in integration and enhancements to the physical environment for our staff.

The staff have been informed and consulted with in relation to this change and the transition arrangements and will continue to be updated and engaged throughout this process via newsletters, staff meetings, and discussions.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further please me on 02 6741 8000 or via email at gillian.eccleston@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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Hunter New England Local Health District

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