

24 September 2021

Mr Gerard Haves Secretary Health Service Union

Email: secretary@hsu.asn.au

Dear Mr Hayes

Port Macquarie Base Hospital Ward 1B - HSU Branch Consultation

I refer to my previous correspondence dated 11 February 2021 regarding the Mid North Coast Local Health District's (MNCLHD) decision to open 10 additional patient beds, being six beds on Ward 2C and 4 beds on Ward 1B at Port Macquarie Base Hospital (PMBH).

The District has now approved these additional beds to be opened on a permanent basis.

Further to the FTE that was established and recruited to, in order to support the initial bed opening earlier this year, an additional 1.11FTE Administration Officer has been allocated to Ward 1B.

I also welcome this opportunity to advise you of additional workforce enhancements planned across the facility for Allied Health, Patient Support Services, Nursing & Medical Workforce as below:-

Nursing

- 0.57FTE Clinical Nurse Educator
- 0.61 FTE Discharge Planning Coordinator

Medical Workforce

- 2 FTE Registrars
- 2 FTE Junior Medical Officers

Patient Support Services

- 2.62 FTE Environment Services
- 1.11 FTE Administration Officer
- 2.74 FTE Health and Security Assistants

Finance

0.5 FTE Administration Officer

Allied Health

- 0.76 FTE Speech Pathologist
- 0.68 FTE Social Worker
- 1.26 FTE Physiotherapist
- 0.55 FTE Dietitian
- 1.60 FTE Occupational Therapist

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Should you require any further information or wish to discuss further, please contact me on telephone 5524 2100 or via email MNCLHD-PMBH-HGM-PA@health.nsw.gov.au by COB 5 October 2021.

We commit to continuing to work with the HSU through the appropriate forums such as the Staff Consultative Committee and look forward to progressing these positive changes.

Yours sincerely

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