

15 June 2023

Mr Gerard Hayes
Secretary
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Dear Gerard

NSW Health Pathology – WSLHD Specimen & Blood Transport

The transportation of Specimen and Blood samples/products across our Laboratories in Western Sydney Local Health District (WSLHD) is a critical component of patient care.

The service is currently provided by the Transport Team of WSLHD however NSW Health Pathology (NSWHP) will establish and operate a team of dedicated staff members independent of WSLHD. The Transportation of Specimen and Blood samples/products in the responsibility of NSW Health Pathology, and not a core component of business for WSLHD. The proposed changes will improve service provision for NSW Health Pathology.

To achieve this, NSW Health Pathology will commence the recruitment of an additional six (6) full time, dedicated Courier/Transport staff members. All team members will work across a 24/7 roster. Staff will be rotated on a fair and equitable basis covering nights, weekends, and public holidays at all sites in order to meet operational needs. The team will be based on our Westmead site, reporting into the Procurement Manager.

The anticipated implementation date is 4 September 2023.

If you have any queries please feel free to contact me on (02) 8890 9665.

Yours sincerely,



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