



Health
Western Sydney
Local Health District

HPE: 21/xxxx

Gerard Hayes
Secretary
Health Services Union NSW/ACT
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Email: secretary@hsu.asn.au

Dear Mr Hayes,

Re: Conversion of Boronia Unit into a Mental Health Isolation Ward

I write to advise that as part of the Western Sydney Local Health District Mental Health Service (WSLHD MHS) commitment to continuing to provide excellent care and service to our consumers and the community during the COVID-19 pandemic that the Boronia Unit at Cumberland Hospital will be temporarily converted into a sole purpose 20 bed isolation unit. This decision has been made in consultation with WSLHD Infection Control as well the relevant WSLHD Health and Safety Representatives.

The purpose of this conversion is to ensure that mental health consumers who are awaiting COVID testing results and who are required to isolate can do so safely and without further infection control risks to our other units and services.

Staffing of Boronia will continue as per normal levels but will be done so by staff who are fully vaccinated, have been fit tested and have undertaken PPE training and education.

Should the Health Services Union have any significant concern with the above, feedback should be provided via email to Gerard Drinan, Senior HR Business Partner Mental Health Services at gerard.drinan@health.nsw.gov.au.

We thank you for your support in enabling us to continue to advance our services for the betterment of our frontline workers, clients and the broader public.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vlasios Brakoulias', written over a horizontal line.

Prof Vlasios Brakoulias
Executive Director – Mental Health Services

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