

10th August 2021

Mr Gerard Hayes
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Via email: secretary@hsu.asn.au

Dear Mr Hayes

Re: Proposed Extension of Theatre Sessions (Macksville Health Campus)

I am writing to advise that the District is proposing to trial extended Theatre sessions at Macksville District Hospital. It is also proposed that changes be made to start and finish times to align sessions to Coffs Harbour Base Hospital, ensuring consistency throughout the Coffs Clinical Network. It will also increase the Networks capacity to reduce surgery waiting lists.

The implementation of extended Theatre sessions will result in amendments to the current shift structure for rostered Theatre staff in Macksville. The proposal would result in standard 8-hour shifts being replaced with 10-hour shifts, for approximately 6 theatre sessions in every four week period. Further, rostered commencement times will be adjusted from 0700 to 0730 to ensure alignment with other Coffs Clinical Network Theatres.

While initial discussions have been held with staff, formal consultation is expected to commence in August 2021. It is proposed that the altered shift structure be fully implemented by 4th October 2021, for a trial period of 4 months.

Should you require further information please contact Ray Green (EO/DON Macksville and Bellingen) on 0447 356 304.

Yours sincerely



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