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Gerard Hayes
Secretary
Health Services Union – NSW
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By email: secretary@hsu.asn.au

Dear Mr Hayes,

Re: **Western Sydney Mental Health Redevelopment Project**

I write to advise you of the proposed changes within the Western Sydney Local Health District Mental Health Service (WSLHD MHS) which may affect your members.

As you may be aware the planned operation of the Parramatta Light Rail (PLR), is due for commissioning in late 2023 with passenger commencement proposed in mid-2024.

As a mitigation to the PLR, WSLHD MHS is proposing the following:

1. Permanently relocating the Forensic Mental Health Unit 'Bunya' (24 beds) at Cumberland Hospital to the new 44 bed building being constructed at Blacktown Hospital (due for completion in February 2024).
2. Potential to temporarily relocate the secure Non-Acute Unit 'Boronia' (20 beds) at Cumberland Hospital to the new 44 bed building being constructed at Blacktown Hospital. Under this proposal, the Boronia Unit will remain at Blacktown Hospital until the new Integrated Mental Health Complex is completed at Westmead in 2026.
3. Potential to temporarily move the secure Non-Acute Unit 'Acacia' (20 beds) at Cumberland Hospital to Ward B43 (formerly Maternity) at Blacktown Hospital until the new Integrated Mental Health Complex is completed at Westmead in 2026.

All members working within the units to be moved or potentially moved will be briefed in person today (Monday, 10 July 2023) on the proposed changes.

A separate action item regarding potential workforce impacts will be established in the WSLHD MHS Redevelopment Staff Consultative Committee and any questions or issues can be raised/discussed, with the next meeting scheduled for 20 July 2023.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Mr Nirav Thakker, Project Manager/Change Manager, Mental Health Services via email at Nirav.Thakker@health.nsw.gov.au or on 0428 062 492.

Yours sincerely,

Prof Vlasios Brakoulias
Executive Director

Date: 10th July, 2023.

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