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Re: Implementation of CHEF Pilot Program

22 September 2023

Dear Mr. Hayes,

I am writing to inform you that HealthShare NSW (HSNSW) are proposing to implement the CHEF Pilot Program in Food Services at Armidale, Tamworth, and John Hunter Hospitals across 2024.

The CHEF program will see HSNSW partner with Hunter New England Local Health District (HNELHD) to improve our food services with a focus on patient experience and sustainability. The pilot program aims to reduce food waste and our broader environmental footprint whilst also improving the mealtime experience for patients. This work follows the CHEF pilot we undertook at Bowral and District Hospital in 2021 and continues the evolution of our Food Service Reform program.

The pilot is proposed to commence at Armidale Hospital in May, Tamworth Hospital in July and John Hunter Hospital in October.

We understand the importance of engaging with our staff during this process, and we are committed to consulting with them and with the HSU about the impact of these changes.

Staff consultation has begun at Tamworth on Wednesday 22 November 2023, with Armidale scheduled on Thursday 23 November and John Hunter Hospital on Friday 1 December. Attached is the slide deck to support the staff notification sessions.

To have a USCC arranged, or to engage in initial discussions please contact either me (details below) or Tegan Smith (Senior HR Business Partner, People & Culture) on Tegan.Smith@health.nsw.gov.au.

Sincerely,



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