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Mr Michael Kearns
Health Services Union
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Dear HSU and Michael,

Thank you for your call today – as discussed please find below, changes required.

This letter is to advise of a proposed change to the Operating Assistant (OA) rosters, Grafton Base Hospital (GBH) within Northern NSW Local Health District.

With the commencement of 'business as usual' for Covid positive patients, Grafton Base Hospital is planning for the eventuality that a Covid positive patient will require emergency surgery. Accordingly, a plan is being developed to ensure all contingencies are covered. Part of the Surgical Services Covid plan includes a rostered on call component for Operating Assistants on the occasion that there is an Emergency surgery required. Following the implementation of the agreed Surgical Services plan, Operating Assistants will be part of a "Covid on-call team" for emergency surgery.

It is proposed this change would occur as of the roster commencing 11 July 2022. You are invited to provide comment of this proposed roster change by close of business 17 June 2022 for consideration.

Written notification of this proposed change has been shared with all Operating Assistants at Grafton Base Hospital inclusive of the following staff:



All staff have been invited to comment on this proposed change by close of business 10 June 2022 for consideration.



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Should you wish to clarify any aspects about the proposal, please contact me on 6641 8411.

Kind Regards

Tina Morrison
Acting Director of Nursing and Midwifery
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