



Health

Mid North Coast Local Health District

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

Dear Mr Hayes

I am writing to advise you of a change to an Occupational Therapist position within the Occupational Therapy Department at Port Macquarie Base Hospital.

The Occupational Therapist Level 1 / 2 position...30968 for 38hrs/week is vacant. The Mid North Coast Local Health District (MNCLHD) is planning to realign vacant FTE to a cost centre and service based in Community Health to an Occupational Therapist Level 3 Position for 32hrs/week. This Occupational Therapist position will be located separately at Port Macquarie Community Health and report to a separate line manager, the Nursing Unit Manager for Generalist Nursing and Palliative Care.

The benefits of realigning this FTE and employing an Occupational Therapist at this level will allow for an improved staffing profile and service to provide Occupational Therapy from a community based health setting. The current Occupational Therapist position that services the community from the hospital is not optimally located or integrated with existing community health services. The change of a grading to a Level 3 Occupational Therapist position is appropriate to the scope of clinical practice provided by the position and service.

Should you require further information or assistance please contact myself on 0428 660 068 or through email at Ben.Walking@health.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Ben Walking
**Occupational Therapist in Charge
PMBH & WDMH, MNCLHD**

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Dan Abel
**Nursing Unit Manager
PMCH Generalist Nursing & Palliative Care**

cc. Michael.Kearns@hsu.asn.au

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