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**Strictly Private & Confidential**

Dear Mr Hayes

**RE: New Supportive and Palliative Care Unit at Auburn Hospital**

I write to advise you of the commissioning of a new Supportive and Palliative Care Unit (SPCU) at Auburn Hospital, Western Sydney Local Health District (WSLHD) and will operate as part of a WSLHD wide Supportive and Palliative Care Service.

**Expansion of services**

The SPCU is a ten-bed unit which will provide high-quality specialist supportive and palliative care to patients, families and carers in the setting of a life-limiting illness complicated by complex symptoms and/or end-of-life care needs. The SPCU will be located on Level 4, on the eastern side of Auburn Hospital.

The senior leadership team for the SPCU has been established with planning and commissioning of the service in progress. Active recruitment for the remaining positions is underway to build the necessary workforce to operationalise the SPCU.

**Impact to employees**

There is no impact to existing employees as the workforce for the SPCU will comprise of entirely new positions which have been established for the service. The additional allied health and corporate services workforce to be introduced comprises of the following positions:

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Profile (full-time equivalent)</b>
<b>Administration Officer, Level 3</b>	1.00 FTE
<b>Clinical Psychologist</b>	0.50 FTE
<b>Dietitian, Level 1/2</b>	0.40 FTE
<b>Occupational Therapist, Level 3</b>	1.00 FTE
<b>Patient Services Assistant, Grade 2</b>	0.63 FTE
<b>Pharmacist, Grade 3</b>	0.20 FTE
<b>Physiotherapist, Level 3</b>	0.50 FTE
<b>Social Worker, Level 3</b>	1.00 FTE
<b>Speech Pathologist, Level 3</b>	0.40 FTE
<b>Wardsperson</b>	0.63 FTE

## Consultation

Consultation regarding the introduction of the new SPCU has occurred with Auburn Hospital's workforce, including but not limited to:

- Staff Consultative Committee
- Work, Health and Safety Committee
- Clinical Council
- Senior Leaders Forum
- All Staff Forum
- Bed Meetings

WSLHD is committed to working with the Health Services Union (HSU). Senior Officers from Auburn Hospital are available to meet with representatives from the HSU if there are any questions or feedback regarding Auburn Hospital's SPCU.

## Opening of the SPCU

The SPCU launched on 3 March 2023 and while the service continues to be refined, it is envisaged that the SPCU will operate at full capacity over the next few weeks. Representatives from Auburn Hospital are available at short notice to meet with yourself or appointed delegate to discuss the matter in further detail.

Mr Danny Chau, Director, Human Resources, Auburn Hospital can be contacted on 0439 353 474 or via email at [Danny.Chau@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Danny.Chau@health.nsw.gov.au) should you require any further clarification on the above matters.

Yours sincerely



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Date: 08.03.2023.



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Date: 08.03.2023.