



Fairfield Hospital

Mr Gerard Hayes
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Dear Gerard

Re: Notification of proposed change to Soiled Linen collection.

I am writing to the HSU in relation to a proposed change to the current soiled linen collection practice at Fairfield Hospital as part of a General Services review conducted, which looked at the duties undertaken by Fairfield staff compared with other SWSLHD facilities, namely Bankstown, Liverpool and Campbelltown Hospitals. As a consequence, it was decided that it would improve efficiency for the staff in the linen department to collect dirty linen from the wards. This is consistent with the practice in the other hospitals.

Currently soiled linen is collected by cleaners assigned to waste collection which includes general, clinical, and recycling waste streams.

Proposed change to the duties of the Linen Supply Officer position at Fairfield hospital will include collection of soiled linen from wards and departments. This will require the position description to be altered with "Wash and dry patients clothing, washing cloths and other items as required" removed and replaced with "Collection of soiled linen from wards".

The benefits of this change will be:

- Streamlined and improve efficacy of soiled linen and waste collection in hospital.
- Reduced manual handling of soiled linen.
- Clearly define Waste and Linen Services at Fairfield Hospital which is line with other facilities.

I would appreciate your response within (14) days of the date of this letter.

Should you wish to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact me on 02 9616 8192 or via email: Patrick.Cooke@health.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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