



Mr Gerard Hayes
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Dear Mr Hayes

I am writing in relation to the proposed relocation of Illawarra Community Mental Health Rehabilitation Service (ICMHRS) to a new location.

The proposed new location for the team is Level 7 of 5 Bridge Street, Coniston NSW 2500. The ICMHRS is currently located at Port Kembla Hospital. As has been widely discussed, the Port Kembla Hospital is planned to cease inpatient clinical services during 2022 and a number of other ambulatory services previously offered on site have already been relocated.

In addition, due to adverse weather events and heavy rain the current location of the ICMHRS has posed Workplace Health and Safety issues, requiring ongoing maintenance to the building.

Furthermore, the current location is not in close proximity to any other ISLHD Mental Health Service which poses challenges to collaborative care. The new site for the team will be co-located with other ISLHD Mental Health Services and in close proximity to a number of other services.

The Child, Adolescent and Youth Mental Health Services (CAYMHS) has commissioned a new team called 'Safeguards'. The site at Atchison Street does not have capacity to house the new team. In order to accommodate this team at Atchison Street, three teams from within CAYMHS will be co-located to Bridge Street with the ICMHRS team.

The roles within the unit covered by the HSU are:

(ICMHRS)

- Administration staff
- Health Service Manager
- Psychologist
- Occupational Therapist
- Peer Worker
- Health Education Officer

(CAYMHS)

- Administration Staff
- Occupational Therapist
- Social Worker
- Psychologists
- Health Service Manager

The Mental Health Service has recently consulted with staff affected by the move and as per the Health Employees' Conditions of Employment (State) Award will be provided reasonable notice of at least one calendar month prior to the date of relocation to their new accustomed place of work.

A Workplace Health and Safety assessment for the relocation will be undertaken and discussed in consultation with staff, management and the safety team which will include orientation for the new premises.

In line with the consultative provisions of the above award, I invite you to provide any comments regarding the proposed changes within two weeks of the date of this letter.

If you would like to discuss the proposed changes further please do not hesitate to contact me on 4295 2577 or Angela Park, Manager Workforce Support via angela.park@health.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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