

11 September 2023

Mr Gerard Hayes  
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Health Services Union  
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Dear Gerard

This letter is to advise NSW Health Pathology is relocating the Immunology Laboratory at Sutherland Hospital to Level 4 Campus Centre, Prince of Wales Hospital, Randwick.

The reasons for this plan include

- Alignment with accreditation requirements for the supervision of the laboratory by an accredited staff specialist. Responsibility for supervision of the laboratory has until now been delegated to Dr Stephen Adelstein, an Immunopathologist at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. Dr Adelstein is now changing roles and the move of the laboratory to the Randwick campus will meet the requirements for a Category GX laboratory. T
- The bulk of Immunology specimens that are currently tested at the Sutherland site are couriered from Prince of Wales Hospital. The location of Immunology laboratories at sites for whom testing is performed allows rapid processing and reduces the risk of specimen loss – this is consistent with our other Immunology laboratories Camperdown,, Liverpool, Westmead, Royal North Shore and John Hunter Hospitals.
- Redevelopment of Sutherland Hospital is currently underway – the Blood Collections service and Multi-Functional laboratory that currently sit alongside the Immunology laboratory will be relocated to the main hospital campus into a space that will be insufficient to meet the needs of the Immunology laboratory.

The current plans for the move are that this will be finalised by 30 June 2024.

We recognise the impact of the relocation of the Immunology staff located at Sutherland to the Randwick site. Staff have been aware of the impending move for a number of years, and NSW Health Pathology will continue to provide staff with relevant support to assist them with the move to the different site.

NSW Health Pathology will commence regular meetings with staff starting on 13 September 2023 where there will be a meeting with all staff. From there we will undertake one-on-one meetings with the staff to better understand they each need to transition to the new location.

NSW Health Pathology would like to invite Randall Millington to attend this meeting at 11.30am (or thereabouts) in the Sutherland meeting room.

If you have any queries please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Siobhan Cunliffe  
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NSW Health Pathology