

18 April 2023

Mr Gerard Hayes
Health Services Union
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Attention: Tracey Gaddelin – Organiser

Via email: Tracey.Gaddelin@hsu.asn.au and secretary@hsu.asn.au

Dear Mr Hayes,

Re: Extension of Additional Medical Surge Beds – Maitland Hospital

I am writing to advise that a decision has been made to further extend the opening of the 10 temporary Medical Surge Beds, Level 1, Maitland Hospital. These beds originally opened on 27 July 2022.

Due to the continued increase in patient presentations to the hospital and in anticipation of the predicted winter surge, these additional beds will remain open until 30 September 2023.

We will continue to regularly monitor activity and bed demand and if possible, endeavour to close the surge beds earlier than 30 September 2023. Ms Jo Bisson, Nursing Unit Manager for the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) will continue to manage the 10 surge beds.

If you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact Paula Richards, Director of Nursing & Midwifery, Lower Hunter Sector on (02) 4987 2032 or Lynn Hurst, Senior Human Resource Consultant on (02) 4985 3449.

Yours sincerely,



Christine Osborne
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