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Health
Northern NSW
Local Health District

To All staff - Mental Health Services

cc Alcohol & Other Drug Services; Family Health; Paediatrics Services

From Deidre Robinson, General Manager, Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Services

Date 10 February 2021

Subject Proposed introduction of a Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service Stream (CAMHS)

I am pleased to announce the establishment of a Child & Adolescent Mental health service (0 – 18 yrs) within the Mental Health services for Northern NSW LHD. I am seeking your valued input as we take steps to establishing this service.

There are many benefits expected from this change, which will bring the Local Health District in line with others across the state.

As we take this opportunity to improve our service to some of our most vulnerable clients, the priority will be to collaborate and consult directly with all staff involved currently in care to children and young people; any staff affected by this change; as well as other stakeholders with new and innovative ideas related to this initiative.

A consultation paper is attached. The Local Health District will then convene meetings with staff and relevant industrial bodies to facilitate consultation regarding workplace matters related to this change.

A consultation period will now commence in which staff may make written submissions for a specified time period (8 February – 5 March 2021). I wish to extend my appreciation in anticipation of your valued input towards supporting this new initiative for children and young people in our region.

I consider this an opportunity to work together as a health system in the continual improvement of the care of our patients.

If you have any queries in relation to this correspondence or any issue pertaining to NNSWLHD, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at deidre.robinson@health.nsw.gov.au or by phone on 02 6620 2623.

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