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Notification of Change to Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital (HKH) Mental Health Drug and Alcohol (MHDA) Services, Palmerston Building

Dear Ms Morgan

I write to notify you of planned refurbishments occurring at Northern Sydney Local Health District (NSLHD) site Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital (HKH), Palmerston Building.

In concert with the current HKH redevelopment, MHDA were provided with the opportunity to refurbish the Palmerston Building. This refurbishment allows for the co-location of various services and will involve an upgrade to the infrastructure of the workspaces.

Once these renovations have been completed, the following services will be relocating from their current site to the Palmerston Centre:

- Wahroonga Rehabilitation Services, relocating from Wahroonga House in the Park;
- Specialist Rehabilitation Services, relocating from Wahroonga House in the Park.

It is expected the newly renovated floor in the Palmerston will be completed by March 2024.

Key benefits of this change identified by NSLHD include:

- Clinical and accommodation space complying with relevant health facility guidelines and policies;
- Appropriate delineation between clinical and non-clinical spaces;
- A focus on compliance with relevant Work, Health and Safety policies;
- Co-location of services can facilitate effective skills sharing and resourcing;
- Centralised model.

To ensure the proposed changes have the input of employees, consultation with employees is planned throughout the stages of the redevelopment. I am writing to invite you to attend an information sharing meeting with employees to discuss the proposed changes over the next week. You may also provide any comments regarding the proposed redevelopment plans within two weeks from the date of this letter.

Alternatively, I would be happy to arrange a meeting to discuss this project further with your representatives.

Northern Sydney Local Health District is located on the traditional lands of the Eora Nation

Throughout this project it is the intent of management to ensure that the Health Services Union (HSU) members are kept abreast of the redevelopment plans and information disseminated as appropriate.

For more information, or if you would like to arrange a meeting, please contact me via email leanne.frizzel@health.nsw.gov.au or on 9485 6700.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leanne Frizzel'.

Leanne Frizzel
Service Director
Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Mental Health Services

Date:

cc: Kathleen Schelling, Community Services Manager HKHMHS
Alicia Duffy, Director, Governance and Operations, MHDA
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