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Mr Gerald Hayes
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Dear Mr Hayes,

Re: Proposed Patient Flow Service Restructure Sydney Children's Hospitals Network (SCHN) Consultation Document

The key function of the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network (SCHN) Patient Flow Service, is to facilitate efficient and timely access to beds and transfer of patients. In addition, it has a role in facilitating urgent admissions of critically ill children and neonates to PICU, CICU and Grace Centre for Newborn Care, through supporting timely outflow of patients from these areas once clinically appropriate.

It is proposed to implement a consistent service restructure at each site and update relevant reporting lines to more intuitively align with the emerging SCHN governance structure. This includes aligning the Patient Flow and Staffing services to support the more seamless management of nurse staffing resources informed by acuity and in line with the management of capacity.

In addition, this proposed service restructure will continue to develop the existing linkages between the Patient Flow Service and the Virtual Kids Model of Care in line with the growth of the Virtual Kids Model of Care and further support efficiency in the management of patient flow.

The document has been provided to the staff and outlines the proposed new structure. Staff have been requested to provide formal feedback by 8 August 2022. Please provide any additional feedback to the proposal within two weeks from the date of this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr Joanne Ging: Executive Director of Clinical Operations joanne.ging@health.nsw.gov.au or Sally Whalen: Director of Nursing, Midwifery and Education sally.whalen@health.nsw.gov.au

Sincerely



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Date: 26 July 2022

Encl.1. Consultation Document – Communications and Engagement and position description