# Proposed Restructure of ED/Admissions Administration Teams

#### Patient Services (Gosford & Woy Woy Hospitals) 13 – 14 December 2022



#### Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land which we are meeting on by acknowledging Elders past, present, and future, and pay my respect to Aboriginal people joining us today.





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# **Review Background**

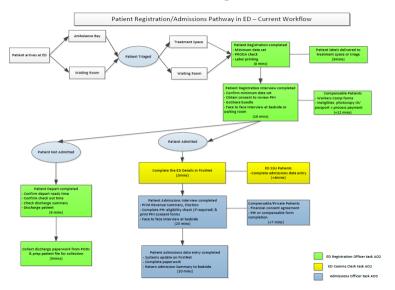
- Concerns initially raised by ED Administration team in March 2021 regarding AO2 grading of their role.
- Commitment to undertake a review and investigate options.
- Benchmark of Gosford Hospital Admissions & ED Administration against peer LHDs – North Shore, Nepean, Wollongong, Westmead, St George, Liverpool, St Vincent's and RPA.
- Recent service changes such Patient Flow Portal, birthing suite NAPing plus planned expansion of HITH program.



# **Current Situation**

- Admissions Team (AO3) comprising 13 permanent employees (shift workers) and a casual employee team.
- ED Administration (AO2) comprising 21 permanent employees (both shift and non-shift workers) and a casual employee team.
- Tasks associated with patient registration and admission are divided between the 2 teams based on award levels, creating duplication in processes for staff and patients.
- Not all employees in either team work across a spread of shifts or weekdays/weekends.

#### **Current Patient Registration/Admission Workflow**





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# **Proposed Change**

- Re-grade the existing ED Registration Officers from AO2 to an AO3 to eliminate the need to define the registration and admissions of a patient by Award-driven tasks;
- Separate the functions of Surgical Admissions (Monday Friday rostering) and ED Admissions (Monday – Sunday rostering);
- Merge the ED Admissions and the ED Registration Officer rosters, combining the tasks of the overnight Admissions Officer and ED Comms Clerk;
- Utilise the FTE savings to fund the re-grade of the ED Registration Officers from an AO2 to an AO3 role within the ED Administration team through a closed merit based selection process;
- Transition staff on the new ED Administration to a 24/7 roster pattern and transition staff on the new Surgical Admissions roster to a Monday – Sunday roster pattern, with a three (3) month notice timeframe of a change in shift pattern, and consideration to individual Flexible Workplace Agreements; and
- Appoint permanent contracts to fill vacancies in line with identified workforce demand profile, providing opportunity for increased contracted hours or permanent placement.



# Key Benefits of Proposed Change

- Creates single administrative support team trained in all roles and processes for ED clinicians and patients.
- Provides ED Registration Officers the opportunity to increase their knowledge, capacity and learnings, with an increase in hourly pay rates.
- Provides the opportunity to consolidate the rosters, reducing reliance on casual staff by increasing the number of full time and part-time hours.
- Provides an equitable shift rotation for all staff to obtain penalty rate shifts and improve their knowledge of the services by working across the full span of operational hours.
- Improved roster transparency.
- Provides a patient-centric approach to our workflows.



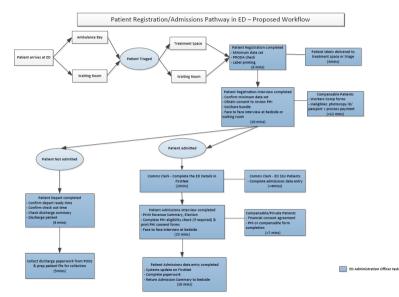
### Impact on Establishment & Employees

With this proposed change, there will be:

- A decrease in FTE of 1.39FTE by combining the overnight shift tasks of the Admissions Officer and Comms Clerk, and deleting 0.5FTE from the current Admissions roster.
  - Five (5) employees currently contracted as 'non-shift workers' will be affected by the implementation of a rotating 24/7 roster pattern. The District will work with these employees to find alternate working locations within the Patient Services team (if required).



#### Changed Patient Registration/Admission Workflow





### **Current ED Roster**

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### **Proposed Surgical Admissions Roster**

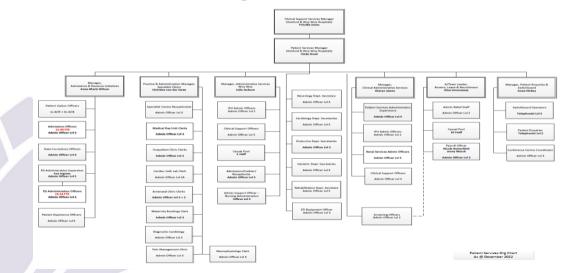
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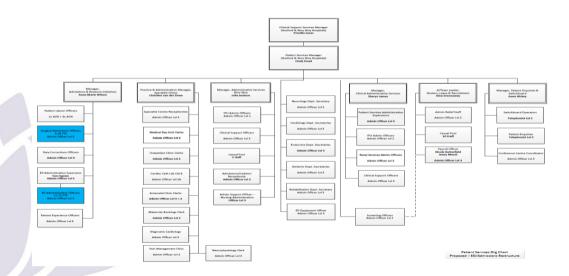




### **Current Organisation Chart**



### **Proposed Organisation Chart**



# Feedback & Next Steps

- All staff will receive a copy of today's presentation along with copies of the proposed rosters and relevant position descriptions on Wednesday afternoon, following the final information session.
- You are invited you to provide any feedback, comments, questions and/or concerns on this proposal within two (2) weeks, that is, by Friday 30 December 2022. This feedback can be
  - provided face to face or by email to Anne-Marie, Sue or Cindy
  - emailed to Ms Katrina Haines, HR Business Advisor,

Katrina.haines@health.nsw.gov.au

- Further, the NSW Health Services Union has been provided will also be provided a copy of this proposal and have also been invited to provide feedback accordingly.
- A frequently asked questions and responses paper will be circulated.

