

St Vincent's Public Hospital Sydney Emergency Department Redevelopment

Dear Member,

The HSU has received correspondence from St Vincent's Hospital management regarding a proposed redevelopment of the Emergency Department. The correspondence is attached for your attention.

Member feedback requested

The HSU team is currently reviewing the proposal and the potential impacts on members. We are now seeking feedback, comments and views from members. Please review the attached documentation and provide your feedback by close of business **Monday June 4, 2018**. You can submit it by email to peter.mason@hsu.asn.au with subject line *St Vincent's ED*.

HSU organiser and sub-branch involvement

Your HSU organiser Peter Mason will be visiting your workplace shortly and convening a meeting to discuss the matter with members.

Please distribute this newsletter to your work colleagues for their information and comments and encourage them to attend the meeting.

Not a member of the HSU? Now is time to join and have your say! You can join online at www.hsu.asn.au/join or call 1300 478 679 and join over the phone.

A union's effectiveness and negotiation power depends on the strength and density of its membership base. Join your work colleagues today by becoming a member of the Health Services Union and help us continue to protect and improve your working life.

In unity,



Gerard Hayes
Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD



Mr Gerard Hayes
Secretary, Health Services Union
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Dear Mr Hayes, *Gerard*

Re: St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney (SVHS) Emergency Department Redevelopment

St Vincent's Hospital Darlinghurst operates a busy Emergency Department (ED) in Sydney, with our catchment having the highest rates of mental illness and substance addiction in NSW. With our current ED configuration unable to meet the considerable demands placed upon it to effectively manage the rapidly changing nature of ED presentations, this places pressure on the hospital's ability to meet Emergency Treatment Performance (ETP) targets and provide timely access to care.

As our growing local catchment projected to increase by 43% between 2014 and 2027, St Vincent's is commencing a major redevelopment over the next 18 months to include the provision of a dedicated specialist Psychiatric Alcohol and Non-Prescription Drug Assessment (PANDA) Unit within the ED. This will ensure that we are able to meet the growing demand of our community and provide optimal care for our patients.

By reconfiguring and expanding the ED, we will be able to significantly improve patient flow through streaming patient groups based on particular needs. This reconfiguration will incorporate the PANDA unit to provide short stay, dedicated and specialised treatment for this patient cohort. The PANDA unit will be located adjacent to the Psychiatric Emergency Care Centre (PECC), enabling sharing of support services and improving supervision for both the PECC and PANDA patients.

We are very fortunate that the NSW Government has partnered us in this project, providing \$12million in funding to enable the redevelopment of the ED including 6 PANDA beds, this has been supplemented by generous philanthropic support from the SIRENS group who have pledged \$4.0M with a further \$1.7M identified in SP&T funds to fund the project. The planning process which commenced in July 2017 incorporates a new Clinical Services Plan, Model of Care, Functional Brief, Schedule of Accommodation and future Workforce Profile.

The project includes an expanded footprint to the west of the existing department, provision of an additional ED resuscitation bay and two compliant negative pressure isolation rooms. The Scheme Design will require 7 separate portions of building works and a complete reconfiguration of all existing treatment spaces within the ED. Enabling building works commenced October 2017 with the main works contract forecast to commence once we receive our Development Approval in the coming weeks. It is anticipated that construction will take around 18 months with completion projected for December 2019. The major works construction Tender closed in March with a preferred tenderer appointed.



It is planned that the major works will commence soon after the development application has been approved.

Given the scale of this redevelopment, we anticipate that there will be some unavoidable disruption, particularly within ED itself. To mitigate this, we have been working carefully with our impacted departments to minimize any disruption.

I know the construction period will involve some challenges for both patients and staff, however the resultant capital works will deliver a state of the art ED that will ensure contemporary models of care for the community that we serve - long into the future.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, on anthony.schembri@svha.org.au or 02 8382 2083 should you wish to discuss further.

Yours sincerely,

Anthony M. Schembri

A/Professor Anthony M. Schembri
Chief Executive Officer

Date: *22.05.18*