

## St Vincent's Public Hospital Privacy Concerns

Dear Member,

On Tuesday of this week, several HSU members from St Vincent's Public Hospital contacted the HSU in relation to an email that was sent to multiple individuals. The members had serious concerns regarding a breach of privacy.

The email was sent by SVH Human Resources to all employees that had expressed an interest in a Voluntary Redundancy.

It is the HSU's understanding that the email was intended to inform those employees that it had been determined that their current position was not one that SVH can delete, and therefore SVH are not able to offer a voluntary redundancy. However, in sending the email, HR neglected to hide the list of recipients.

The HSU encourages open and transparent communication, but such an oversight is extremely disappointing and distressing to the employees affected.

The HSU takes the privacy of members very seriously, and we have worked to alert HR immediately of the breach. Management issued an apology and requested that the prior email be deleted.

If you are concerned that your privacy has been compromised, contact the HSU Member Services Division on 1300 478 679.

In unity,



Gerard Hayes  
Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD