

Tell us what you need as a Mental Health Worker in SLHD

Take this opportunity to speak out

Dear Member,

Mental Health Workers employed by NSW Health regularly report to HSU that resources for the mental health care workforce are insufficient. This impacts your well-being and patient care. Issues regularly raised include:

1. Chronic staff shortages
2. Unmanageable caseloads
3. Lack of discipline specific clinical supervision and leadership
4. Weakening of discipline specific clinical skills and expertise, especially for generalist mental health clinicians
5. Safety concerns with non-adherence to policies & procedures for home visits
6. Lack of career progression opportunities
7. Staff burnout, high turnover and resignations
8. Endemic negative culture
9. Impacts on patient care

SLHD convenes a quarterly **Mental Health Staff Consultative Committee (SCC)**, at which all industrial organisations are represented. This is an opportunity to discuss and negotiate improved mental health services resourcing to positively impact your work, career development, work culture and ultimately, patient care.

The HSU calls for your views and contributions and direct participation in the Committee as a workplace delegate. In this forum, you can represent other members, with the support of HSU Officials. This is your opportunity to ensure members' views and suggestions can be heard, considered and acted upon by senior management.

Please contact Health Professional Organiser, Denise O'Shaughnessy (denise.oshaghnessy@hsu.asn.au) or SLHD Organiser Cherree Wright (cherree.wright@hsu.asn.au) with your views on SLHD mental health services and indicate if you would like to participate in the SCC by close of business Friday 16 November 2018.

In unity,



Gerard Hayes
Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD