

PMBH Physiotherapy Redesign

Dear Member,

The HSU has received correspondence from Port Macquarie Base Hospital regarding a proposal to reallocate some hours of physiotherapy resources within the facility. The attached correspondence outlines the proposal.

The HSU is seeking feedback from members at PMBH. Please provide all feedback to Organiser Michael Kearns via email michael.kearns@hsu.asn.au by close of business Wednesday 19 December 2018.

In unity,



Gerard Hayes
Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD



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Via Email: secretary@hsu.asn.au

Dear Mr Hayes

The purpose of this letter is to commence formal consultation regarding the Physiotherapy Department at Port Macquarie Base Hospital (PMBH).

Staff have recently been advised of a proposed redesign of the Paediatric Level 3 Physiotherapist position which the Mid North Coast Local Health District (MNCLHD) wishes to convert into Acute Stroke hours. The team is very supportive of the change due to the opportunity to increase the Stroke service and hours.

The Paediatric Level 3 Physiotherapist has permanently reduced their hours by four (4) hours per week. Currently the Acute Stroke Physiotherapist, also Level 3, works 23 hours per week.

Paediatric Physiotherapy is currently serviced by both a Level 3 and Level 4 Physiotherapist working a total of 44 hrs per week and transferring the hours to Acute Stroke would reduce the Paediatric service to 40 hrs per week. A review of the Paediatric Physiotherapy service and wait list demand trends, shows a reduction in demand for the service by 25%. This is explained by the reforms with NDIS and more private Physiotherapists moving to Port Macquarie to provide Paediatric Physiotherapy services.

The Physiotherapy team have discussed the pros and cons of converting Paediatric to Acute Stroke hours and unanimously agree this is the higher priority.

The 4 hrs Paediatric Physiotherapy are now vacant and we would like to move forward with this proposal at the earliest opportunity.

I would welcome any comments you may have in regard to this proposal by 14 December 2018 and if you would like to meet to discuss the matter, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0477 322 531 to make a mutually convenient time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Byrnes', with a stylized, cursive script.

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cc Michael Kearns - Organiser, HSU at michael.kearns@hsu.asn.au