

Gosford Patient Enquiries Update

Dear Member,

Yesterday afternoon, members at Gosford Hospital voted unanimously not to undertake any duties within the Patient Enquiries area until our safety concerns are heeded and our calls for a protective barrier agreed to.

In response to this action, your employer and Chief Executive have remained silent. Not one email has been sent to acknowledge our bans, not one phone call has been made to your representatives. Management don't seem interested in reaching an agreement to end this saga. Instead, they are asking other untrained Admin staff to come and work at Patient Enquiries, placing them at the same risk we have been fighting against.

If you happen to be asked to work in Patient Enquiries, please stand with our members and say *"No, I'm an HSU member and support the actions taken by my fellow members in fighting for a safe working environment"*.

Management's decision is disrespectful to every single staff member at Gosford Hospital and Central Coast LHD. In effect, they are saying that if you raise safety concerns, they would rather find another staff member to undertake the work than do anything about your concern.

Over 250 people have already signed our petition, and another 77 have sent an email directly to CCLHD CE Dr Montague calling upon him to immediately install a perspex protective barrier (you can send an email at <http://bit.ly/GosfordSafety>).

Every worker has a right to feel safe in their workplace, and safety is a matter we will never take a backwards step on.

Dr Montague can end this saga with the stroke of a pen. He must now show leadership and act.

We will keep fighting for as long as it takes for our members to get a safe working environment.

In unity,



Gerard Hayes
Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD