

HNELHD: Morisset Hospital Privatisation of Security Services Thwarted by the HSU

Dear Member,

Today the HSU learned that the HNELHD had engaged a private security company to provide services at Morisset Hospital in lieu of HNELHDs own security staff. The HSU immediately set about to have the private contractors removed from the site and the duties returned to our members working in public health.

The HSU can report that once again, privatisation in the Hunter has been stopped! As a result of the HSUs intervention the HNELHD has formally written an Interim Security Plan for Morisset Hospital. The plan is as follows:

Interim Security Plan:

- HNE Security Staff are engaged to provide additional time limited security services at Morisset to assist with re-directing tourists' vehicles and/or assistance to approved contractors or family/carers.
- Coverage is to be daily 9am to 6pm.
- At this point in time coverage will be up to 2 January 2019 and this will be reviewed on an ongoing basis,
- This role will utilise the existing Morisset Security vehicle with loudspeaker and equipment. Existing weekend Security staff at Morisset will then access alternate vehicle in the interim. It would be expected there will be less people accessing the site, so the vehicle can be temporarily relocated without issue.
- Radio and mobile phone will be available to the additional security staff member with their key contact point being back to the After-Hours Nurse Manager on site for any assistance or support. Along with existing Security staff member as required.
- There will be no change or amendment to the existing SWP. The Security staff member is to remain in the vehicle and communicate via the loudspeaker re-directing tourists' vehicles and/or assistance to approved contractors or family/carers. They are to position themselves and vehicle in a safe location with consideration of the existing CCTV camera to offer best possible safety positioning.
- The attached scripting is provided to assist with communications. Escalation points are as above.
- If coverage can't be provided by HNE Security, SMP to provide the service at Morisset as a contingency.
- Should a short-term vacancy occur at another site (sick, FACS etc), potentially HNE Health may need to re-deploy the additional Security at Morisset to other site if other HNE Security is unavailable to provide additional shift/coverage and backfill Morisset with SMP.

The HSU congratulates members at Morisset and within our Greater Newcastle Sector Security Officers Sub Branch (GNSSOSB) for raising this issue early this morning. The HSU now calls upon members to remain vigilant and report any activity where the HNELHD as utilised the private security contractors in lieu of our members.

In unity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gerard Hayes', written in a cursive style.

Gerard Hayes
Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD