

SCHN: Notification of Review, Pregnancy and Newborn Support Network

Dear Member,

Attached is correspondence the HSU has received from Sydney Children's Hospitals Network regarding a Functional Review of the Pregnancy and Newborn Support Network.

The correspondence advises that the Review is expected to continue midway through 2019. The employer intends to create a Steering Committee, co-chaired by SCHN and NSW Health, which will manage the process.

The HSU requests members to remain aware of the work of the Steering Committee until such time as the Review is concluded. At the end of this period, formal consultation with the HSU will commence, and members will be called upon to offer their feedback and to represent their co-workers in any meetings or discussions.

If you have any concerns or suggestions in the interim, please contact your HSU organiser Glen Pead via email glen.pead@hsu.asn.au.

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In unity,



Gerard Hayes
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Delivered via email

Dear Mr Hayes,

Re: Pregnancy and Newborn Support Network at The Sydney Children's Hospitals Network

I write to provide an update on the functional review of the Pregnancy and Newborn Support Network (PSN).

There are maternal and perinatal portfolio functions being delivered across an increasing number of entities resulting from the changing landscape of NSW Health; the establishment of the Agency for Clinical Innovation (ACI), the Clinical Excellence Commission (CEC), The Health Education and Training Institute (HETI), as well as the transition of NSW Kids and Families into the Ministry of Health.

To ensure the system meets the needs of maternal and newborn care in NSW, the functional review focussed on issues related to the PSN such as its:

- a. Purpose and strategic direction;
- b. Functions and core business/relationships with the broader NSW Health; and
- c. Governance arrangements.

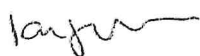
Following extensive consultation between the Ministry of Health, SCHN, CEC and ACI, an agreement had been reached to align the maternal and perinatal functions undertaken by PSN to relevant NSW Health entities. The realignment of functions will broaden expertise across the NSW health system.

It is acknowledged that there is still more work and analysis to be undertaken and no final decisions have been made in relation to the details of the realignment. A Steering Committee, co-Chaired by SCHN and the Ministry of Health, has been established to oversee this change management and governance process.

An update of the PSN functional review was provided to staff at the meeting held on 13 December 2018. Given the amount of work to be completed, it is envisaged that the project will continue until mid-2019. SCHN and the Ministry will provide regular updates through staff meetings and other communication media. A formal consultation process with staff and Unions will commence when the details of realignment have been established.

Should you require any further information, please contact Angela Casey, Acting Network Clinical Program Director – Critical Care Program on 9845 2110 or by email to angela.casey@health.nsw.gov.au or Deborah Matha, Director Maternity, Child, Youth and Paediatrics, Health & Social Policy Branch, MoH on 9391 9949 or by email to Deborah.Matha@health.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,



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