

Cessnock Correctional Complex Expansion Plans

Dear Member,

The HSU is aware that members have been making enquiries about the expansion to your workplace, with very little information being forthcoming from the employer.

We can finally inform members that we have received answers to the questions you have been asking. Attached is correspondence from Justice Health regarding the expansion for your attention. If you have any concerns or questions regarding this correspondence, please contact your organiser Matt Ramsay on 0419 553 105 or email matthew.ramsay@hsu.asn.au.

In unity,



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Mr Gerard Hayes
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Dear Mr Hayes

Opening of Shortland Correctional Centre Sector 5 and 6 at Cessnock

I write regarding the opening of a new correctional centre adjacent to the existing Shortland Maximum Security Correctional Centre, Sector 3 and 4 (SHLD 3 and 4). The new centre will be called Shortland Sector 5 and 6 (SHLD 5 and 6). This will be the fourth correctional centre (CC) to be located on the Cessnock Correctional Complex.

Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) will operate the new facility and health services will be provided by Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network (the Network). The information to date regarding the patient cohort is that it is expected to comprise 330 maximum security male patients and completion is scheduled for 30 March 2019. CSNSW will then complete a testing period of the facility with an expected arrival of first patients in the beginning of May 2019.

Currently there are three correctional centres located at Cessnock. There is Hunter CC, Cessnock CC and Shortland Sector 3 and 4 CC. With the addition of SHLD Sector 5 and 6, the number of patients on the site is expected to be approximately 1700 in total.

The staffing profile has been approved and a grading committee for the Nursing Unit Manager (NUM) position was convened on 18 January 2019. There will be a fulltime NUM 2 Monday to Friday in the new health centre. There is also approval for a fulltime Health Centre Clerk and a Clinical Support Officer for five shifts per fortnight, which is on par with the other three centres. The Cluster Nurse Manager will recruit the NUM position and the NUM will then recruit the clerical and nursing staff.

The Network is presently progressing towards recruitment before the end of February 2019.

Should you require any further information please contact Terri Sheehan, Acting Network Director of Nursing and Midwifery Services on 02 9700 3018.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive
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