

Wollongong Hospital: Closure of Staff Cafeteria

Dear Member,

The HSU has received correspondence from HealthShare NSW regarding the planned closure of Wollongong Hospital Staff Cafeteria. HealthShare, which currently manages the cafeteria, has been notified by Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District of their intention to put the cafeteria out to private tender.

There are a number of options that will need to be explored in assisting members affected by this decision, and the HSU will be working closely with those members.

To assist members, the HSU is seeking feedback from members employed by HealthShare NSW at Wollongong Hospital. Feedback should be provided to tom.stevanja@hsu.asn.au by COB Monday 25 March 2019.

The HSU will engage in a Union-Specific Consultative Committee with management based on the feedback of members. Your local HSU Organiser will visit your worksite in the near future to discuss the changes directly with members.

In unity,



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Dear Mr Hayes



Re: Notification of Tender Release for Wollongong Hospital Cafeteria

I am writing to advise that HealthShare NSW has been formally advised that a tender has been released by the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District to the open market for the provision of retail services throughout Wollongong Hospital.

This means that three (3) permanent employees will be affected and processes will be undertaken in accordance with PD2012_021 Managing Excess Staff of the NSW Health Service.

An initial consultation meeting was held on 15 February 2019 with those affected, as we were provided information at short notice that tenderers would be walking through the cafeteria area on Monday 18 February 2019. We wanted to ensure that this did not occur before the staff were formally advised.

We will keep staff informed and have an open communication with staff and the union through a formal USCC process, and ensure that opportunities for redeployment and voluntary redundancies for affected staff are considered equitably and transparently.

Elise Sultana, HR Business Partner will meet with staff individually in the coming weeks to discuss what being affected means, and what options are available to them at the conclusion of the tender process.

We look forward to working collaboratively with you.

For further information please contact either Shannon Chamberlain, Sector Manager on 0402 891 929 or Elise Sultana, HR Business Partner on 0436 689 791.

Yours sincerely



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Chief Executive

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