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Solidarity action in support of preventing violence in hospitals

While ADHSU members have been fighting to protect operational ambulance officer award conditions, more than 22,000 HSU members in the public health system have been campaigning to eliminate violence and aggression in and around hospitals.

The main claim is for an additional 250 hospital security officers with better powers and training, and many other measures designed to prevent violence rather than stop it after it's initiated.

The recent HSU Conference unanimously supported a resolution that called for industrial and other action on August 1. ADHSU paramedics are asked to support the day of action by placing a ban on debtor details for four hours tomorrow from 1100 to 1500.

All members should also wear their safety vest for the shift tomorrow to symbolise the threat to safety for paramedics and patients in and around hospitals at present.

We know most of you are probably fatigued on the Industrial Action front, however this is an important issue for health workers and the community, and we know the Ministry will not budge unless their hand is forced.

The other health unions (Australian Salaried Medical Officers' Federation of NSW and the NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association) are supporting their members who want to join in on the protest action tomorrow. The three unions have also indicated that an ongoing joint campaign about hospital safety is a priority going forward.

Please print out the [insert linked here](#) and place it in the insert sleeve for the day.

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