

JPV transfer to St Vincent's Care Services HSU member update

Dear Member,

For several months, the HSU has been raising significant workplace issues with John Paul Village management – including inequity in medication allowance payments, severe workload issues and classification and job allocation issues.

After prolonged inaction from JPV management, the HSU was forced to commence formal dispute proceedings and escalate the matter to the Fair Work Commission. Following those steps, St Vincent's Care Services management intervened and asked to meet with the union about our concerns.

The union met with St Vincent's Care Services and has again raised the serious issues identified by HSU members. This meeting was productive and St Vincent's Care Services agreed that they would discuss these issues with HSU members, once they take ownership.

As you know, John Paul Village has now transferred ownership to St Vincent's Care Services from the beginning of September.

What this means for staff at John Paul Village is not yet clear, but what is clear is that we will continue to press these issues on behalf of union members. Continued inaction is not good enough.

Further the union made it very clear that if there are to be any significant workplace changes, then there must be formal consultation with HSU members and the union, as per our enterprise agreement.

That means that you need to be an HSU member in order to be represented by the union in that consultation.

If anyone you know is not yet an HSU member, now is the time for them to join to ensure that they are represented. New members can join online at www.hsu.asn.au/join or by calling 1300 478 679.

We will keep members up to date with news about any workplace changes and we will let you know when consultation commences shortly about the issues raised by union members.

In unity,



Gerard Hayes
Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD