

Update: Christmas Closedown, Kempsey Mental Health Unit

Dear Member,

The Kempsey Mental Health Unit will **not** be closing over the 2019/2020 Christmas/New Year period! Thanks to members for raising your concerns with the HSU, particularly around the lack of genuine consultation by the MNCLHD.

As a result, the MNCLHD has formally notified the HSU that the Mental Health Unit will now remain open over this Christmas period. Well done to all members involved in influencing this decision.

In unity,



Gerard Hayes
Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD



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Dear Michael,

RE: Kempsey Mental Health

Thank you for your email dated 5 November 2019 requesting information about bed arrangements for the Kempsey Mental Health Inpatient Unit over the Christmas New Year period (24 December to 2 January 2020).

Following consultation with staff, I can confirm that there are no plans to close any mental health beds within the Mid North Coast Local Health District over this period of time. There will be no change to bed management and patient transfer processes over this period of time.

Should you require further information or wish to discuss, please contact Lynne Halliday, District Nurse Manager, Mental Health Inpatient Services on phone 02 6691 1961 or via email at Lynne.Halliday@health.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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