

HSU Win in RPA CSSD

Dear Member,

As members would be aware, understaffing and serious workload issues are increasingly impacting on staff across the public health system.

Not only do these issues affect staff, they can also pose significant risks to patient safety and service delivery.

Staff in the Central Sterile Services Department (CSSD) at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital (RPA) have been facing these very issues.

Working for a significant period of time 7 FTE short, the staff were at breaking point.

Having approached the HSU through the RPA HSU Sub Branch, the HSU members in CSSD met and resolved to fight to have their vacant FTEs filled.

With a significant number of the CSSD staff having recently joined the HSU, they were in a strong position and presented as a united group.

I am pleased to inform members that following the presentation of a letter signed by CSSD staff and HSU representation, an undertaking to fill all 7 vacant positions has been secured.

This is an important win for the CSSD HSU members, and it is an important step in safeguarding patient safety.

It's also a great example of the importance of joining the HSU and members standing up for their rights.

If your area is having workload issues, contact a RPA Sub Branch Delegate or email publichealth@hsu.asn.au.

If any of your workmates are not yet HSU members, let them know it is time to join. They can join online at www.hsu.asn.au/join or phone 1300 478 679.

In unity,



Gerard Hayes
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