

WSLHD Mental Health Short Staffing

Dear Member,

The HSU is aware that a number of members working within the Mental Health Service are concerned about staffing levels, workloads, and the time it takes to fill vacant roles.

This is why, for the past 12 months, we have been asking Western Sydney Mental Health Management to add vacancies and recruitment as a standing agenda item for the Staff Consultative Committee, held every 2 months.

At our most recent meeting held on Tuesday 18th February, we again asked to be provided this information. Again, management refused to provide the information and told us instead that we need to investigate further.

This response is not good enough. HSU members continue to carry the burden of working short staffed with increasing workload pressures.

We must now consider what it is that Mental Health Management are trying to hide? Are they more concerned about budgets than staff wellbeing or patient care?

If you are working in Mental Health and believe your department or team has vacancies that haven't been filled, we want to hear from you.

Please contact your local HSU Organiser – either Brendan Roberts on 0425 181 361, email brendan.roberts@hsu.asn.au or Randall Millington on 0458 301 076, email randall.millington@hsu.asn.au.

If you or any of your colleagues are not currently HSU members, encourage them to join online at www.hsu.asn.au/join or over the phone on 1300 478 679.

In unity,



Gerard Hayes
Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD