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Via email: secretary@hsu.asn.au, info@hsu.asn.au, Matthew.Ramsey@hsu.asn.au

Dear Mr Hayes,

Re: Maitland Hospital Paediatric Physiotherapy Proposal

I write to the Health Services Union (HSU) regarding the Paediatric Physiotherapy proposal for Maitland Hospital. As you would be aware this model of care has been discussed locally and more recently at the District Joint Consultative Committee (DJCC).

As part of the review process we have examined the current model of care and identified early indications that greater efficiencies may be achievable. It is also acknowledged that the Maitland Hospital currently operates under a smaller-scale model, meaning the service delivery can differ in some respects from other hospitals.

To ensure we establish and embed the most appropriate model for Maitland Hospital and the local community, further review will be required both across the District and within the service. To support this work, we are proposing a temporary enhancement to the current model of care. This enhancement will have a dual focus: addressing the existing waitlist for the Maitland Hospital Paediatric Physiotherapy service, and continuing to assess models of care both locally and across the District to inform decisions that deliver the best possible outcomes.

We anticipate this enhancement will be required on a temporary basis for approximately 3 months. By the end of this period, we expect to have identified the most appropriate model of care and to be progressing implementation.

I trust this provides the HSU with assurance that Maitland Hospital management is actively and constructively working to establish the most efficient and appropriately utilised model of care for our younger community members.

Should you have any further concerns please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 4087 2058 or via email Jenny.Martin@health.nsw.gov.au. Alternatively you can contact Angela Towns, Director Allied Health on (02) 4087 2057 or email Angela.Towns@health.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,



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