

## Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District



Ref: DT25/109253

Mr Gerard Hayes  
Secretary  
Health Services Union  
Via email: [secretary@hsu.asn.au](mailto:secretary@hsu.asn.au)

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Re: Shellharbour Hospital Adolescent Mental Health Inpatient Unit

Dear Mr Hayes,

I am writing to advise you of a temporary change to the Shellharbour Hospital Adolescent Mental Health Inpatient Unit (AMHIPU) Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District (ISLHD), which will temporarily impact your members.

The District's Mental Health Service is currently looking at options to improve service delivery across all sites, with a focus on staffing and areas of greatest demand for mental health services.

Whilst this work is undertaken, new admissions to the Adolescent Mental Health Inpatient Unit will be temporarily paused until 27 January 2026.

Staff have been advised of the suspension of services. During this temporary suspension we will work closely with AMHIPU staff on redeployment preferences until the unit reopens.

If you have any queries regarding this notification or would like to arrange a meeting to discuss, please contact me via email at [alison.gal@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:alison.gal@health.nsw.gov.au) or on 0429 573 768.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alison Gal".

Alison Gal  
A/Director  
Mental Health Service

14 November 2025