

Mr Gerard Hayes
Secretary
Health Services Union (HSU)
Via email: info@hsu.asn.au

Re: Trial of changes to the configuration of Banks House Inpatient Mental Health Unit

Dear Mr Hayes,

Please be advised of a trial of changes to the configuration of Banks House Inpatient Mental Health Unit which may impact on your members.

From early June 2026, Banks House will operate as a 30 bed acute mental health unit with the current 10 bed observation unit being converted to acute beds for a 3 month trial.

This trial is one of a number of winter strategies which the Mental Health Service is implementing to improve access for consumers requiring inpatient mental health care.

Prior to commencement of the trial there will be extensive staff consultation to discuss the impact of the change, identify any potential risks and to develop a modified model of care and ways of working for the unit during the trial period.

Should you have any concerns about this trial please contact Kelly Walker, Director of Nursing, via email: SWSLHD-MentalHealthNursingExecutive@health.nsw.gov.au.

We look forward to working with your members to provide quality care to consumers in a safe environment during this trial.

Sincerely,



Dr Claire Jones
Director SWSLHD Mental Health Service

7 May 2026