

ANMF NEWSFLASH

North East Soldiers Memorial Hospital Specialist Panel Meeting

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmanian Branch (ANMF) attended a specialist panel meeting with Tasmanian Health Service (THS) management to discuss the workload concerns of members working at the North East Soldiers Memorial Hospital (NESMH). At this meeting we discussed the following:

1. Data presented that included, Emergency Department (ED) length of stay, ward attenders, overtime, double shifts, and sick leave.
2. The ANMF raised our concerns with the data presented noting:
 - a) That it seemed to show a trend of increased length of stay in ED, increase in ward attenders, increase in overtime, double shifts, and sick leave.
 - b) The data from February 2022, on ED presentations, appears to show an anomaly in a trend down. ANMF raised that this was not in line with the previous year's statistical trends and health trends in the community.

The ANMF were keen to discuss our proposed solutions as outlined in the letter sent to the THS in October 2022, however the THS were unable to commit to proving a position on this as they required further time to check the validity of the data provided.

The next specialist panel meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 24 November 2022**, where the ANMF have already advised we will be seeking a response on the proposed solutions. Should there be no agreement to acknowledge that there are workload concerns and provide solutions to these, the ANMF will accordingly be advising members to provide endorsement for escalation to step 3 in the Tasmanian Industrial Commission.



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If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact our Member Support Team via email on membersupport@anmftas.org.au. Email is the preferred and fastest way of contacting the team. Alternatively, you can phone 1800 001 241.

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