

## ANMF NEWSFLASH

# North West Regional Hospital

## North West Hospitals Masterplan

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmanian Branch (ANMF) was presented with the Northwest Infrastructure and Master Plan document for consultation on 9 June 2023. The ANMF have broadly consulted with members, and provided the following feedback on your behalf:

Areas that members suggest have not been appropriately considered for inclusion in forward planning:

- Co-located health hubs (G.P, physio, pharmacy dental etc) for the public as well as employees
- Onsite childcare – Major barrier for Return to Work (RTW) from parental leave
- Parents room on paediatric ward
- Will the mental health precinct be fit for purpose at the proposed site (ECT patients and code response) mental health assessment space/room in the Emergency Department (ED), theatre/Day Surgical Unit space?
- Adolescent mental health inpatient facilities
- Dedicated palliative care unit at the North West Regional Hospital (NWRH)
- Dedicated isolation unit for nursing patients during pandemic and or other highly infectious diseases
- Patient discharge lounge
- Staff gym
- Coffee shop
- Parents room on paediatric ward
- Overnight surgical patients at the Mersey Community Hospital (MCH)
- Procedure rooms/areas within wards/units, i.e. day patients in Acute Medical Unit (AMU) for transfusions etc currently have a chair within the ward space or are seen in Oncology, other patients who require nursing clinic type procedures that are not able to be attended by community nursing.



Existing areas that should be considered for refurbishment as a matter of priority

- Mental health assessment space/room in ED
- Storage space for sterile stock/equipment theatre at NWRH and the Renal Unit
- Airconditioning in the wards
- Staff room facilities. i.e. showers, locker rooms, meal rooms.

Potential model of care changes, in terms of service delivery, that will not be supported by the current infrastructure that need to be considered in the master plan

- Patient flow and access to hospital beds broadly
- Increased ability for telehealth
- Aged care services and care of dementia patients.

ANMF members are eager to understand the next stage of the project and the associated consultation process. Members consider it critical that clinical nurse and midwife representation are involved in the next stage of the master planning. Once the next stage is identified and the consultation strategy announced, the ANMF will inform members via newsflash and member meetings to ensure members feedback is heard.

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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](mailto: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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