

ANMF NEWSFLASH

Royal Hobart Hospital Maternity Services Update

Independent Reviewer Secured

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmanian Branch (ANMF) are pleased to inform members that an independent reviewer has been secured to undertake the Royal Hobart Hospital (RHH) Maternity Services (MS) review. The independent reviewer, Caroline Singline is a Registered Nurse and Midwife and has extensive experience in maternity services, safety and quality, and has experience in undertaking independent reviews of health care services. The ANMF understands that an independent panel will also be selected by Caroline to undertake the review.

The ANMF have been working with the Minister for Health and the Department of Health regarding members safety concerns stemming from chronic understaffing. The terms of reference will consider and make recommendations on:

- Staffing, rostering systems and culture.
- Night shift and PAC staffing levels.
- Review of staffing levels during night shift.
- Review of supports for early career midwives and workloads of ANUMs.
- The workloads in postnatal unit.
- Review of recruitment processes and turnover rates.
- Review of systems and processes related to induction.
- Review of breastfeeding support practices and breastfeeding rates/ indicators on discharge.
- Medication chart and emergency equipment audit.



The ANMF have also sought the opportunity for staff to meet with the independent review team with the option of ANMF support to discuss one on one matters that members may wish to bring to the attention of the review team.

The date for commencement is not yet confirmed however, the ANMF understands that the intent is for the review to commence as soon as possible. Once the date is confirmed the ANMF will advise members.

The ANMF Tasmanian Branch is 8000 plus members strong! Supporting nurses, midwives, and care workers as the only union in Tasmania employing nurses, midwives and care workers to represent members. This is why our Organisers and Member Support Team are uniquely positioned to understand your experiences, represent you in your workplace, and offer industrial advice that's relevant to you.

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