



ANMF NEWSFLASH

Wilfred Lopes Centre Member Meeting Feedback

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmanian Branch (ANMF) met with members on Tuesday 28 January 2025.

A discussion was held around the trial roster change. The general consensus from members at the meeting was that the trial had worked well. The plan from management is for all employees to be given the opportunity to give feedback on the trial.

Other issues were raised by members during the meeting.

The ANMF wrote to management regarding these issues as follows, management's response in italics:

1. Members are concerned that there are 4 cameras out of action in the HDU perimeter track. This means that patients have limited areas to exercise which can be detrimental to their health and wellbeing. The cameras have been reported as not functioning but although they were proposed to be fixed in 1 week, this has not happened. Are you able to provide some information on when these might be fixed? Members would also like a security update as none has been provided recently.
 - a. *Thursday 23rd January WLC management was advised of camera outages that cover approximately half of the perimeter track.*
 - b. *Correspondence was sent to staff on the same day advising them of a contingency plan to allow reduced track access.*
 - c. *Friday 24th January external security consultant engaged to source new cameras.*

- d. *Wednesday 29th January expected delivery of new cameras 1 – 2 weeks from date of ordering.*
 - e. *Wednesday 29th January WLC management to liaise with external maintenance contractor to discuss procurement/installation process.*
 - f. *The WLC security upgrade is being coordinated by an external security consultant.*
 - i. *The first phase is focusing on the replacement of the radio/duress system. The external consultant is currently drafting specifications for suppliers to tender against. Once tenders are received, they will need to be approved through the normal DoH process.*
 - ii. *The second phase will include the replacement of cameras, fencing, swipe card readers and the operating system.*
2. Members have concerns that there are no alcohol and drug programs for patients to access despite there being a high incidence of patients with a history of this. Is this something that could be implemented?
- a. *Patients undergo appropriate interventions during the appropriate phase of their care.*
 - b. *If substance counselling is required prior to release WLC has access to appropriate programs.*
3. Psychologist visits. Members would like to see this program expanded to have more regular visits enabling more engagement from patients.
- a. *WLC shares psychology resources with the community forensic service.*
 - b. *Referrals are prioritised and acted upon according to the availability of resources.*

If you have any queries regarding this newsflash, please contact ANMF Southern Organiser Jane Pond at Jane.Pond@anmftas.org.au. Alternatively, you can phone (03) 6223 6777.



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