



ANMF NEWSFLASH

Mersey Community Hospital Close Observation Unit

Members request return to 12-hour shifts

Members of the Close Observation Unit (COU) at Mersey Community Hospital (MCH) continue to seek the reinstatement of 12-hour shifts for their ward. Previously, members had trialled 12-hour shifts and proposed a Workplace Flexibility Arrangement (WFA), which was not approved by the Tasmanian Health Service (THS).

Given the *Nurses and Midwives (Tasmanian State Service) Award* allows for 12-hour shifts, and the same award also has provision for WFA to be implemented to extend shifts beyond 12-hours if necessary. The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmanian Branch (ANMF) has written to management requesting a meeting to discuss a way forward for members at the COU. The ANMF will provide a further update once a response has been received.

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