

ANMF NEWSFLASH

Royal Hobart Hospital

Update on Hospital-Wide Linen Shortages

Following your feedback about significant and ongoing difficulties accessing essential linen items, The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmanian Branch (ANMF) formally wrote to the Royal Hobart Hospital (RHH) executive team requesting an immediate uplift in linen stock across the hospital. Below is a summary of the response provided by the executive:

- A new linen supply model was introduced which is currently under evaluation.
- Aim to replace individual departmental orders and streamline access.
- **Patient Gowns:** 1,500 injected; 510 on order (ETA 19 June); paper gowns no longer in use.
- **Towels:** 3,500 injected; 2,500 on order (ETA 29 July).
- **Fitted Bed Sheets:** In stock; 1,000 more on order (ETA 28 July).
- **Flat Sheets:** In stock; 2,000 additional due once king-size sheets arrive (ETA 28 July).
- **Pillowcases:** 4,000 on order (ETA 29 July).
- **Blankets:** 600 injected 10 days ago.



However, the new suppliers' products are largely sourced overseas, contributing to unavoidable delays and an **escalation pathway was provided:** Report any future stock outages immediately to your Nursing Director (ND) or executive lead.


The ANMF states, this is not good enough.

Have your say, do you think Tasmanian Health Service's (THS's) response to the linen shortage is good enough?

Survey: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/019777082c8779eaaae9336c8978be12>

While we gain your responses and plan next steps, the ANMF is advising all members to raise this issue with your **local work health and safety representatives**, and we are encouraging members to submit a **SLRS every time these are inadequate basic supplies of linen in addition to escalating to ND or executive lead every time there are inadequate supplies of linen.**

Please continue to provide data via the **Linen Survey QR code** — your input is essential to ensuring these issues remain visible and prioritised.

 Use the QR code provided to report.



Your voice is vital to ensuring safe patient care at RHH. Thank you for your continued advocacy and feedback.

In solidarity,

The ANMF.



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