



ANMF NEWSFLASH

Launceston General Hospital

Update: Northern Coronary Care Unit Change Proposal

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmanian Branch (ANMF) recently consulted with members regarding the proposed model for a 14-bed unit - 8 Coronary Care Unit (CCU) beds and 6 step down beds for the **Northern Coronary Care Unit (NCCU)** at the **Launceston General Hospital (LGH)**.

The staffing proposal is for:

Direct Staffing including Associate Nurse Unit Manager (ANUM)

- AM shift – 6 nurses.
- PM shift – 6 nurses.
- ND shift – 6 nurses.
- Plus:
 - 1 telemetry nurse per shift.
 - 1 Clinical Nurse Consultant (CNC) on the AM shift 5 days a week.
 - 1 clinical coach for the first 6 months to support upskilling and transition.

A survey was conducted for NCCU members and the results showed:

- 76% of respondents supported the proposed model.
- 24% opposed the model.



On this basis, the **ANMF** has notified **Tasmanian Health Service (THS)** that members by majority vote have endorsed the benchmarking with the following assurances from **THS**:

- Safe staffing principles will continue to apply.
- Staffing will be increased above the benchmark when patient acuity and workload demands require it.
- A commitment that staffing levels will be formally reviewed in 6 months.
- The **ANMF** has requested further information about when the change will be implemented and will provide an update when available.

If you have any concerns, please contact ANMF LGH Organiser Kristy Free, Kristy can be contacted via email at Kristy.Free@anmftas.org.au.

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