

ANMF NEWSFLASH

Launceston General Hospital

Corridor Nursing and Capacity Management

The **Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmanian Branch (ANMF)** has been informed by members at the **Launceston General Hospital (LGH)** of repeated threats from executive management indicating that, if sufficient patient discharges are not achieved, wards will be expected to receive patients from the **Emergency Department (ED)** to be nursed in ward corridors.

Members are also reporting increasing pressure to discharge patients early, including transferring elderly patients to facilities far from their families and placing patients in taxis due to a lack of available patient transport. Staff are experiencing significant abuse from the community when communicating decisions made at the executive level.

In addition to the ongoing HACSU bans and the lack of additional resourcing, staff are now facing threats of unsafe “corridor” of patients on wards. All of this is occurring while the **Tasmanian Health Service (THS)** pushes forward with plans to reduce the **Transfer of Care (ToC)** target from 60 minutes to 45 minutes. How can a hospital already in crisis be expected to do more? Where does it end? The **ANMF** emphasises that this relentless and unsustainable pressure cannot continue.

Action for Members:

If you are directed to care for patients in corridors, contact your **ANMF** organiser immediately. The **ANMF** will provide support and guidance and may convene a mass meeting to discuss next steps, including potential industrial action. Members are also encouraged to report any unsafe working conditions or breaches of staffing standards directly to the ANMF. Your safety and the safety of patients must remain the highest priority.

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact **ANMF Organiser** Kristy Free via email at Kristy.Free@anmftas.org.au if you have any questions.



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