

ANMF NEWSFLASH

Statewide Child and Youth Mental Health Service Relocation from Clare House to Watchorn Street and Transition to Hub and Spoke Model.

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmanian Branch (ANMF) has received a Change Proposal from Statewide Mental Health Services (SMHS) regarding the future location and service model of the **Statewide Child and Youth Mental Health Service (CYMHS)** in the South. This update is provided to ensure members are fully informed, able to participate in consultation and provide the ANMF with feedback with which we can provide support and advocacy around the change.

A copy of the full proposal can be accessed here:

<https://anmftas.org.au/pdf/ChangeProposalClareHouseDecantJanuary2026.pdf>

Members are strongly encouraged to review the document and provide feedback through the ANMF survey (details below).

The following is a summary of the change:

Background

CYMHS provides specialist mental health services for infants, children and young people aged 0–18 with moderate to severe and complex mental health challenges. The service is currently delivered from **Clare House**, New Town.

Why the Change?

- Clare House no longer meets contemporary **Australasian Health Facility Guidelines (AHFG)** (e.g., accessibility limitations, lack of dual egress rooms, high maintenance costs).
- A review recommends service delivery from more appropriate, modern facilities.

Relocation

- All staff currently at Clare House would move to **Watchorn Street, Hobart CBD**.
- The new site includes improved accessibility, seven treatment rooms, group space, and upgraded safety systems.

Hub and Spoke Model

- **Watchorn Street** becomes the main **Hub**.
- Additional **Spoke** sites proposed at:
 - **Brighton.**
 - **Either Clarence or Sorell Community Health Centre.**
- Aim: deliver services closer to communities and improve access.

Impact on Staff

- Staff would relocate to the CBD and may work across Spoke sites.
- Travel requirements and operational details will be developed with staff input.
- Change managed by the Group Director and Regional Director South.

Impact on Services

- Some disruption during relocation; moves will be staggered to minimise impact.
- Teams will be supported through planning and coordination.

Financial Overview

- Relocation and fit-outs have associated costs; funding has been allocated.
- Eastern Shore site still requires construction to meet guidelines.

Have Your Say

The ANMF invites all affected members to share their views.



Complete the survey by Tuesday 27 January 2026:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/019bdec791fa77f7b288ec3e9067f221>



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