



ANMF NEWSFLASH

Royal Hobart Hospital K6E & K6W Children's and Adolescents Ward

Member Update: Stranded Adolescent Patients and WHS Concerns

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmanian Branch (ANMF) thanks members who attended the meeting on **Thursday 30 July 2026**. Members were introduced to the new ANMF organiser for the worksite and discussed ongoing concerns regarding stranded adolescent patients, including violence and aggression impacting nursing staff.

Members have worked collectively to draft a letter to the Minister for Health to highlight concerns and seek action. The letter will include testimonials from nursing and medical staff, the history of inappropriate social admissions over the past 6–12 months, and further data members are gathering, including Safety Learning and Reporting System (SLRS) reports, workers compensation claims and sick leave rates compared with the usual patient cohort.

Members also noted that the Tasmanian Health Service (THS) has completed an internal Work Health and Safety (WHS) report, but the report and its recommendations have not yet been provided to members. The ANMF will continue to advocate for transparency, consultation and meaningful action to address the risks on the ward.

The meeting also highlighted the importance of electing a Health and Safety Representative (HSR). An elected HSR provides members with a formal, legislated pathway to raise WHS issues, exercise specific powers under WHS legislation and, where required, escalate unresolved safety concerns to WorkSafe Tasmania.



The next member meeting will be held on **Wednesday 19 August 2026**, where the ANMF will provide a further update and the letter is expected to be ready for members to finalise before it is sent to the Minister.

The ANMF thanks members for their continued strength, professionalism and solidarity. Together, members are building a strong collective voice for a safer workplace and better outcomes for staff and patients.

The ANMF Tasmanian Branch is 8000 plus members strong! Supporting nurses, midwives, and care workers as the only union in Tasmania employing nurses, midwives and care workers to represent members. This is why our Organisers and Member Support Team are uniquely positioned to understand your experiences, represent you in your workplace, and offer industrial advice that's relevant to you.

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