

ANMF NEWSFLASH

Mental Health Inpatient Unit

Planned Removal of Cameras in the K-Block High Dependency Unit in August 2020

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmanian Branch (ANMF) officials have been contacted by members from the Mental Health Inpatient Unit (MHIU) who have raised concerns in relation to the planned 'switch off' of the nurse's station live-feed from cameras situated in the High Dependency Unit (HDU) bedrooms. The concerns raised are in relation to the affect this may have on the clinical care and safety of the patients. In order to build a case to present to management, we need tangible evidence of near misses and events that can be attributed directly to no longer having this live feed in the nurse's station.

Please send any reports and incidents of the following nature to your Workplace Representative and/or Organiser Jenna Bowling at your earliest convenience:

1. A written account inclusive of date and time of an incident or near miss in the four-week period preceding the 'switch off' that may have ended differently had you not had access to the live feed.
2. Once the cameras have been switched off, it is pertinent that every incident or near miss is recorded on the incident report system through Tasmanian Health Service (THS). The ANMF also request a copy of any formal incident report in order to build a case to present to management.
3. If you are aware of any near-miss incidents which were averted due to cameras being in use, please let us know. Include as much information as possible as accurately as possible including dates and times and whether a report was completed.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact our Member Support Team on 1800 001 241. Alternatively, email membersupport@anmftas.org.au. Please note: Due to the COVID-19 situation, our Member Support Team are practicing social isolation and working from home. Bearing this in mind, email is the preferred and fastest way of contacting them. You may also contact Organiser Jenna Bowling directly via email Jenna.Bowling@anmftas.org.au.

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