

## ALBURY WODONGA HEALTH INTEGRATION UPDATE

### A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVES

Welcome to this fortnight's Albury Wodonga Health newsletter.

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### AWH Business Transition

Establishing the business structure and functions is a critical task in ensuring that Albury Wodonga Health can effectively deliver integrated health services to the Albury Wodonga community. This priority project is now underway. Paxton Partners have been appointed to assist in the business transition work necessary for AWH to be operational on 1 July 2009.

Paxton Partners' work involves developing a transition strategy that looks at budgets, business systems and access to clinical and operational support services. They will be developing risk management plans for key risks associated with the integration. In addition, Paxton Partners will be ensuring all facilities, plant and equipment are licensed and up to date. They will also draft service level agreements for service purchase by AWH.

Members of the Paxton Partners' team will be on site over the next few months working with managers and staff to complete the business transition work. Ready access to information and facilities on site will ensure the process runs smoothly and effectively.

## Paediatric Transfers and Admissions for Medical Conditions

The review of the Paediatric medical transfer process between WRHS and ABH has now been completed. As a result of the review a Paediatric Medical Flowchart and a Cross Border Paediatric Medical Admission Policy have been developed. These new procedures have been developed by a joint team of staff from both ABH and WRHS. Already these new procedures have improved direct medical admissions from WRHS Emergency Department to the Paediatric Ward at ABH.

Each child is clinically assessed by doctors at WRHS Emergency Department in consultation with the Paediatric Registrar and Paediatrician. The admission criteria include the patient being 16 years and under and admitted under the care of the Paediatric Team. A medical plan of care is prepared in conjunction with the admitting Paediatrician. This includes medications orders, intravenous therapy and other treatments required in order to fast track treatment and care of the sick child.

These initiatives have streamlined the journey for all children requiring admission to hospital regardless of whether they initially present to Albury or Wodonga. The procedure currently does not include surgical and orthopaedic paediatric patients.

For further information regarding the Paediatric Cross Border Medical Direct Admissions procedures please contact Ms Sam Peet, Nurse Unit Manager Paediatric Ward ABH on 02 60 584539.

## Further information

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