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# Newsletter

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# UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA PUBLIC HOSPITAL

## Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of the University of Canberra Public Hospital newsletter.

A review of the population needs for the future provision of public health services in the ACT identified a need to expand the ACT hospital system.

The ACT Government then announced the decision to build a new sub-acute hospital. Following consultation with the community, the corner of Aikman Drive and Ginninderra Drive on the University of Canberra campus, was selected as the preferred location.

This newsletter will keep you up to date with progress on the new hospital. It will also let you know how you can have your say on elements of the project, such as models of care and design plans.

We look forward to keeping you informed and involved in the project.

## Expanding hospital services in the ACT

The ACT needs a strong health system to provide services, education and support at every stage of life. Our health system should encourage health and wellbeing in the community, and provide the best possible care when it's needed. The demand for health care in our community is expected to grow significantly over the next 10-15 years, and we have to be ready.

ACT Health is continuing to expand health and hospital services in the region through the Health Infrastructure Program. The University of Canberra Public Hospital will be the first sub-acute rehabilitation hospital in the ACT. It will form part of a planned network of hospital facilities designed to meet the needs of our ageing and growing population.

Sub-acute services aim to improve patient mobility and functioning, often after surgery or other acute hospital admission, and focus on improving quality

of life. On completion, the University of Canberra Public Hospital will deliver sub-acute inpatient and day services in rehabilitation, aged care and mental health in line with proposed models of care and service delivery.

The new hospital will not have an emergency department and will not deliver acute services, like surgery. By focussing on new and expanded sub-acute services it will help to alleviate the pressures on acute facilities within the ACT region.

The University of Canberra Public Hospital will also be a teaching facility. It will extend and enable joint clinical training, teaching and research opportunities between the University of Canberra and ACT Health.

Construction of the new hospital is expected to begin in 2015. ACT Health will continue to consult with the community as the University of Canberra Public Hospital project progresses.

# Service Delivery Plan released for comment

# HAVE YOUR SAY

Significant work has been undertaken to determine the services that would operate from the new University of Canberra Hospital began after the site was confirmed.

Clinicians, health planners and project managers have worked together with community stakeholders and health care consumers to develop the Service Delivery Plan.

On 4 June 2014, ACT Chief Minister and Minister for Health, Katy Gallagher, released the Service Delivery Plan and encouraged all interested parties to provide comment.

The Service Delivery Plan outlines the range of services that will be offered from the University of Canberra Public Hospital. It also sets out the technical and environmental issues that need to be considered in the design, and outlines the design concept.

Key services detailed in the Service Delivery Plan include:

- Rehabilitation and aged care inpatient units – services to support recovery from injury and illness

- Rehabilitation and aged day/ ambulatory and community services – intensive therapy to improve mobility and function
- Adult mental health rehabilitation unit – focused on improving quality of life and functioning
- Adult mental health day service – clinical assessment and short term treatment.

The focus of these services will be to improve quality of life, whether it is providing rehabilitation services to patients following injury or illness, or building capacity for self-management and resilience. The hospital facilities will be designed to be less clinical and more suited to rehabilitation to support the emotional and physical comfort of patients during their visit.

The Service Delivery Plan can be downloaded from the ACT Government's Time to Talk consultation web site at: [www.timetotalk.act.gov.au](http://www.timetotalk.act.gov.au) or accessed from the Health Infrastructure Program web page at: [www.health.act.gov.au/HIP](http://www.health.act.gov.au/HIP)



Comments about the Plan can be emailed to [HIP@act.gov.au](mailto:HIP@act.gov.au) by **16 July 2014** or mailed to Health Infrastructure Program, University of Canberra Public Hospital Service Delivery Plan, PO Box 11, Woden ACT 2606.

Following the period for public comment on the Service Delivery Plan, the project will move into the design phase. Additional newsletters will be published to keep you up to date on progress.



The site for the University of Canberra Public Hospital is on the corner of Aikman Drive and Ginninderra Drive, in the north-west corner of the University campus.

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