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Top jobs for Bankstown and Fairfield hospitals

Two senior staff appointments - a new General Manager for Fairfield Hospital and an Executive Director for both Bankstown and Fairfield hospitals – were announced today by the administrator, South Western Sydney Area Health Service (SWSAHS), Associate Professor Debora Picone.

Michael Woodhouse, who was formerly acting deputy general manager of Campbelltown and Camden hospitals, takes up the position of general manager, Fairfield Hospital and Andrew Bernard is the new executive director for both Bankstown and Fairfield hospitals.

Mr Woodhouse will have operational responsibility for Fairfield while Mr Bernard's role will concentrate on strategic and service development issues across the two hospitals.

Mr Bernard will already be well known to many in the Bankstown and Fairfield communities, as he has been general manager of Bankstown Hospital and Bankstown community health services for the past four years and general manager of Fairfield Hospital and community health services from 1996 to 2000.

He has a Master of Public Health degree and 28 years experience in health, including 14 years as a public health microbiologist with the NSW Government Analyst.

He first joined SWSAHS as an epidemiologist and planner in 1990.

“His background in science has provided a solid grounding in quality improvement, standard methods and innovation,” A/Prof Picone said.

Mr Woodhouse joined SWSAHS in 2002 as the director of Population Health at Macarthur Health Service.

“For the past nine months he has been the acting deputy general manager of Campbelltown and Camden hospitals, a position in which he has excelled in difficult circumstances,” A/Prof Picone said.

His previous experience in health includes roles in Aboriginal health policy with the Commonwealth health department, senior policy advisor to the Race Discrimination Commissioner, and director of Community Health with the AIDS Council of NSW.

He qualified in economics and has an honours degree in law from the University of Adelaide.

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0155 JPG Andrew Bernard.

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