



South Western Sydney Health Network: The Way Forward 2004-2008

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Hospitals moving health forward

Critical to the success of the South Western Sydney Health Network is the role the hospitals will play.

Each facility will be a centre of expertise in a specific area and will work in a complementary way with all other public hospitals in south western Sydney.

Liverpool Hospital

Liverpool will continue to be the tertiary referral hospital, providing a comprehensive range of high level emergency, medical, surgical, mental health, maternity, paediatric and newborn services.

Research infrastructure will be centred at Liverpool Hospital and it will maintain its leading role as the academic centre for South Western Sydney Area Health Service (SWSAHS).

Liverpool Hospital will continue to develop:

- an academic centre for emergency medicine
- more intensive care unit (ICU) beds
- obstetrics towards 4500 deliveries a year over 5 years
- additional ventilated and non-ventilated beds in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
- a new paediatric ward that will become one of two main sites (with Campbelltown)
- non-complex paediatric surgery as one of two main sites (with Campbelltown)
- the centre for clinical genetics
- cardio-thoracic surgery, increasing volume
- to become the main centre for interventional cardiology with three cardiac catheterisation labs (up from two)
- respiratory medicine
- trauma surgery
- expertise in endovascular and endoluminal vascular surgery, including vascular access for renal patients
- endocrine and head and neck surgery
- oral and facio-maxillary surgery
- hand surgery (one of three main centres in NSW)
- a centre for rheumatology

- stroke services (also at Bankstown, Campbelltown)
- neuroradiology
- endoscopy. It will be consolidated to three sites: Liverpool, Bankstown, Campbelltown
- upper GI surgery (one of two main sites, with Bankstown)
- develop radiation oncology, and medical oncology with three linear accelerators treating a maximum number of patients
- selected cancer surgery (thoracic, upper GI, neurological, head and neck, urology, endocrine, orthopaedic, reconstructive surgery after cancer surgery)
- general medicine
- clinical immunology
- Infectious diseases
- aged care, especially the acute geriatric role and support Fairfield to develop a complementary service
- transitional care beds
- ambulatory care
- allied health
- dental surgery in theatres for inpatients
- pharmacy to a level 6 service
- radiology, and the
- Centre for Pain Services.

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Bankstown Hospital

Bankstown Hospital will continue as a principal referral hospital operating its services mostly at level 5.

It will be the centre for plastic surgery and colorectal surgery, and with Liverpool it will be a major provider of upper gastro-intestinal surgery, urology and level 6 gastroenterology.

Future developments include:

- intensive care unit (ICU) will partner Fairfield ICU with senior medical coverage
- obstetrics will become a level 3 service, with residents offered a choice of attending Liverpool Hospital, which is primarily a medically driven service
- paediatric inpatient service will develop closer ties with Canterbury through a cross-appointed staff specialist and a new Canterbury-Bankstown ambulatory paediatric service
- thoracic surgery and implantable cardiac devices
- vascular surgery (one of two main centres, with Liverpool)
- Ear nose and throat (ENT) will be consolidated at Bankstown for the Fairfield/Liverpool/Bankstown catchment area
- orthopaedics which will become a major centre for joint replacements with Fairfield and Bowral
- selected elective neurosurgery
- a centre for colorectal surgery (other site Campbelltown)
- a level 6 gastroenterology service with Liverpool
- upper GI surgery (one of two main centres, with Liverpool)
- medical oncology to be enhanced by additional appointments
- haematology inpatient and outpatient services
- renal dialysis will be expanded to 10-12 dialysis chairs
- a medical assessment unit will be developed to enable seamless transfers from Fairfield and Liverpool hospitals.

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Fairfield Hospital

Fairfield will continue as a major metropolitan hospital operating its services mostly at level 4.

It will be the centre for elective orthopaedic surgery and elective short stay, day only low risk surgery.

Fairfield Hospital will develop with Braeside Hospital as a centre for rehabilitation.

Future enhancements include:

- the emergency department (ED) will be partnered with Liverpool. It will have senior medical cover 12 hours a day, 7 days week. There will be clearly defined admission criteria will be developed for patient admissions from ED to each hospital in the network
- ICU will be linked to Bankstown ICU for senior medical coverage
- obstetrics and neonatal services will operate at level 3
- a paediatric emergency management unit, or short stay unit, attached to ED will be developed
- appointment of a cardiologist and respiratory physician
- diagnostic equipment (stress tests) for cardiology will be put in place
- a centre for elective surgery for low risk patients
- the orthopaedic role will be strengthened
- A peri-operative suite with another theatre for day-only surgery to be built
- medical, surgical and anaesthetic cover increased
- aged care service will begin as a Liverpool/Fairfield service
- transitional aged care will be developed with Braeside's rehabilitation service linked in
- extra mental health adult beds in accordance with Adult Mental Health Plan endorsed by NSW Health
- increase in ambulatory care beds, hours and staff

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Campbelltown Hospital

Campbelltown will progressively develop towards principal referral hospital status operating its services mostly at level 5.

Sub-speciality capabilities in medicine and surgery will be developed.

Campbelltown Hospital will be the centre for academic general medicine and a lead site for SWSAHS in paediatrics and ambulatory care.

It will be a major centre for colorectal surgery and adult/adolescent acute and non-acute mental health.

Future developments include:

- the Emergency Department (ED) will have 16-hour-7-day-a-week senior medical coverage
- intensive care unit (ICU) expanded with support of Liverpool Hospital
- obstetrics operating at level 4 and neonatal at level 3
- establishing Campbelltown Hospital as the leading site for paediatrics, academic medicine and ambulatory care
- new paediatric surgical services set up (with Liverpool)
- acute fracture orthopaedic surgery for children
- cardiology service to be established with a centre for heart failure
- respiratory medicine service will be expanded
- enhanced urology services
- colorectal surgery will be enhanced to become the a main centre (with Bankstown)
- a department of neurosurgery
- medical oncology to be expanded as radiation oncology service develops
- additional haematology clinics
- establishing a centre for general medicine through an academic appointment
- a 20 bed non-acute mental health facility by 2005

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Camden Hospital

Camden will maintain a complementary role with Campbelltown Hospital, offering rehabilitation, normal risk obstetrics, palliative care, emergency department and an extensive day surgery program with ambulatory care.

Future developments include:

- emergency department (ED) run by senior ED staff cross-appointed with Campbelltown
- a normal-risk level 3 obstetric service
- day surgery role will expand to include gynaecology
- plans for satellite renal dialysis, chemotherapy chairs, haematology outpatients
- transitional care beds will be provided
- rehabilitation specialist to be appointed
- additional palliative care beds

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Bowral Hospital

Bowral will operate as a rural general hospital with more defined links to Campbelltown Hospital.

It will be linked with all SWSAHS units to enable access for Wingecarribee residents to level 5 and level 6 services available at other SWSAHS hospitals. It will offer elective and emergency services to adults and children for medical, surgical and obstetric care.

Future developments include:

- closer links will be established with Campbelltown Hospital for medical cover, emergency department and obstetrics
- satellite dialysis
- chemotherapy to continue in Bowral day surgery