



Wentworth Area Health Service

REDEVELOPMENT OF GOVERNOR PHILLIP NURSING HOME CAMPUS

Fact Sheet

- State and Commonwealth nursing home reforms in 1997 led to a decision to transfer nursing home bed licences to non-government sector operators and as a result work has been underway to identify the best way to transfer Governor Phillip Nursing Home to a new non-government sector operator without disturbing the current residents.
- A Request For Proposal (RFP) will be advertised in local and national press calling for innovative and flexible submissions from non-government sector operators to redevelop the Governor Phillip Nursing Home campus and the use of the surplus land. This will occur by the end of May 2004.
- This RFP will include the construction and operation of a new aged care facility on the site with all the existing residents and all staff being given the opportunity to be transferred to the new facility. The new facility will be built and operated by a non-government sector operator to meet the Commonwealth aged care standards.
- The redevelopment will mean improved residential aged care services on the Governor Phillip Nursing Home campus. There will be no reduction in other aged care related services, as they will be provided from the new Day Respite Care Centre or from the North Block Centre for Acute Rehabilitation and Aged Care Services at Nepean Hospital.
- **All current residents will be involved in deciding whether they remain at the new nursing home or transfer to another facility. This will be their own choice and individual meetings will be held with residents and carers to ensure that they have all the information they need to make a choice. If they decide to remain at the new nursing home on the campus, the existing residents will not be financially disadvantaged as the current financial arrangements will remain.**
- The RFP will also include the construction of a new Day Respite Care Facility to be leased back and managed by Wentworth Area Health Service.
- Some of the current facilities will remain on site. This includes the Renal Dialysis Unit, VAN Services, the space used by Area Revenue Services and the Hydrotherapy Pool, all of which will be retained and managed by Wentworth Area

Incorporating – Blue Mountains District Anzac Memorial Hospital, Katoomba – Governor Phillip Nursing Home, Penrith - Nepean Hospital, Penrith – Springwood Hospital – Wentworth Area Mental Health Services and Wentworth Area Community Health Services

Associated with – Hawkesbury District Health Service Ltd – Tresillian Wentworth Family Care Centre and a range of non-government organisations

Health Service. Other existing services (Day Hospital, Gymnasium, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Podiatry Clinics) will be relocated to the North Block at the Nepean Hospital. North Block will become the Centre for Acute Rehabilitation and Aged Care Services for the residents of Wentworth Area Health Service. The decision in regard to the location of Sexual Health Services is still in planning.

- All permanent WAHS staff will have the choice of staying with the new provider or remain working for WAHS at another facility / service.
- A Reference Group has been set up with representation from residents, carers and staff. The terms of reference of this group include providing input into the redevelopment of the campus and dissemination of information regarding the redevelopment. The Reference Group will report to the Chief Executive Officer Wentworth Area Health Service.
- Regular updates on the progress will be provided to the Penrith Community.