

## Fact Sheet

# Blacktown Hospital



**Blacktown Hospital will continue to develop its tertiary capabilities in more complex care across inpatient and outpatient services.**

This includes:

- ▶ Emergency care
- ▶ Intensive care
- ▶ Medical, procedural and surgical subspecialties
- ▶ Cancer care
- ▶ Women's and newborn care
- ▶ Paediatrics
- ▶ Aged and rehabilitation care
- ▶ Drug health
- ▶ Oral health
- ▶ Acute, sub-acute and community mental health.

Within Western Sydney Local Health District's network, **Blacktown Hospital** will provide mostly medium to high complexity care, and will continue to be closely networked with **Mount Druitt Hospital** and the **proposed Rouse Hill** health facility.

**Westmead Hospital** will provide support for patients who have higher complexity care needs.

## Recommendations for Blacktown Hospital:

- ▶ Progress recommendations relevant to all WSLHD hospitals (see box page 2)
- ▶ Participate in developing the Blacktown Health and Education Precinct
- ▶ Complete the **Blacktown and Mount Druitt Hospital Expansion Project Stage 2 (BMDH Project)** including:
  - New acute services building for emergency care, including a dedicated paediatric zone, satellite imaging and co-located psychiatric emergency care centre (PECC); intensive care; operating theatres, perioperative and sterilising services; maternity and newborn care; women's health; and paediatric medicine and surgery services
  - Refurbishment of vacated and existing spaces to expand capacity or enable new models of care for a number of specialist services including e.g. gastroenterology comprehensive care centre; dedicated endoscopy unit; additional MRI; inpatient renal dialysis; day medical unit; and more outpatient clinics
  - Redevelopment of the Blacktown Regional Dialysis Centre

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- ▶ Redesign or develop and implement new models of care enabled by the **Blacktown and Mount Druitt Hospitals Expansion Project Stage 2 (BMDH Project)** at Blacktown e.g. Emergency Department paediatric short stay
- ▶ Promote rapid access to specialist care, especially for people with chronic conditions
- ▶ Contribute to formalising networking arrangements for intensive care services
- ▶ Increase the range and complexity of surgery provided:
  - Grow the newly established metabolic service
  - Expand vascular surgery
  - Explore potential development of Ear Nose and Throat, and Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery services
- ▶ Enhance obstetric and newborn care services to support the hospital's role within the WSLHD tiered maternity and neonatal networks
- ▶ Restore paediatric medicine and expand surgery for children in partnership with The Children's Hospital at Westmead (including general surgery, orthopaedics, ENT, and plastic surgery)
- ▶ Progress medical specialty services:
  - Implement the comprehensive care centre model for Gastroenterology
  - Develop the Drug Health inpatient and Acute Medical Unit models of care
  - Establish an inpatient sleep medicine service
- ▶ Mental health:
  - Develop networked contemporary models of care for all ages
  - Implement the model of care for the psychiatric emergency care centre (PECC)
  - Redevelop mental health facilities, subject to funding:
    - Refurbish existing facilities to support acute mental health and sub-acute adult mental health
    - Develop facilities suitable for older person's subacute care, and for those with severe levels of behavioural disturbance
- ▶ Continue to transform oral health services, including a greater focus on health promotion and the delivery of outpatient and outreach services, and explore opportunities for expansion and redevelopment of the dental clinic
- ▶ Enhance services to support the increasing complexity of service provision, including interventional radiology and on-site nuclear medicine services
- ▶ Fit out and commission shell capacity as additional inpatient beds and ambulatory spaces are required for future growth, subject to funding.

## Recommendations for all WSLHD Hospitals

- ▶ Foster an integrated health system approach that promotes seamless care, including shared care arrangements with service partners
- ▶ Progress a digitised health system, including models and capability for virtual health
- ▶ Strengthen partnerships with the community and service providers
- ▶ Work with partners to promote health and wellbeing, and health literacy of the population
- ▶ Support the delivery of networked services
- ▶ Progress models of care which leverage and support:
  - The Patient Centred Medical Home model [www.wentwest.com.au/phn/programs/pcmh](http://www.wentwest.com.au/phn/programs/pcmh)
  - Expansion of outpatient care and care provided in the home and community settings
- ▶ Promote short stay models for admitted patients
- ▶ Progress improvements in advance care planning and end of life care
- ▶ Continue to collaborate with education and research sector partners to further integrate health care, research and education; and lead development of the future health workforce
- ▶ Increase service capacity to meet future growth needs and support new models of care.