

## Fact Sheet

# Auburn Hospital



**Auburn Hospital will have an expanded role in providing a range of general and specialist services within the Western Sydney Local Health District (WSLHD) health services network, and will strengthen networking arrangements with Westmead Hospital.**

It will support low to medium complexity inpatient care, and outpatient care, across clinical services including:

- ▶ Emergency medicine
- ▶ A close observation unit
- ▶ Adult general medicine and some medical specialties e.g. cardiology and endocrinology
- ▶ Adult non-acute care
- ▶ Obstetrics and newborn care services for low risk births
- ▶ Surgery for children
- ▶ Short stay medical
- ▶ Community renal dialysis service.

In addition, Auburn Hospital will be a District centre for high volume, short stay surgery for people with low anaesthetic risk and will offer general and some subspecialty planned surgery, including a District role for plastic and reconstructive surgery.

## Recommendations for Auburn Hospital:

- ▶ Progress recommendations relevant to all WSLHD hospitals (see box page 2)
- ▶ Provide more surgery for people with low anaesthetic risk, including orthopaedic surgery
- ▶ Explore opportunities to expand outpatient specialty medicine services to meet community need and to increase procedural activity, including endoscopies
- ▶ Upgrade an operating theatre to provide integrated imaging capability for a wider range of procedures
- ▶ Relocate the renal dialysis unit to the community, vacating space for inpatient beds to meet future growth requirements (timeframe to be confirmed); fit out and commission the vacated space as required for future growth
- ▶ Explore the potential to refine the model for older people, including sub and non- acute care, as part of District-wide planning
- ▶ Expand obstetric and newborn care services consistent with the hospital's role within the WSLHD tiered maternity and neonatal networks
- ▶ Strengthen the provision of paediatric services within WSLHD networked roles, in partnership with the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network.

## 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.