Mount Druitt Hospital

Mount Druitt Hospital will have an expanded role in providing a range of general and specialist inpatient and outpatient services.

Services include:
- Emergency care for all ages
- Paediatric medicine services
- Services for adults including:
  - General medicine
  - General surgery
  - Some subspecialty planned surgery
  - Close observation
  - Rehabilitation
  - Outpatient pulmonary and cardiac rehabilitation
  - Palliative care
  - Diabetes management.

Drug health ambulatory services and a community dialysis centre also operate on the campus, along with a dental clinic for children and adults, aged day care services and the WSLHD Aboriginal Health Unit.

Mount Druitt Hospital will support low to medium complexity inpatient care within the WSLHD health services network, and will be a District centre for high volume, short stay surgery and joint replacement surgery for people with a low anaesthetic risk.

All services will continue to be closely networked with Blacktown Hospital to support the care of patients who present with, or require, more complex care, as well as Westmead Hospital for the most complex patients.

Recent expansion at Mount Druitt Hospital has provided additional capacity and potential further expansion, including facilities for new services, will enhance the hospital’s networked role in providing health care services for the community.

Recommendations for Mount Druitt Hospital:
- Progress recommendations relevant to all WSLHD hospitals (see box page 2)
- Increase the hospital’s role in providing surgery for people with a low anaesthetic risk, including general surgery, breast surgery and orthopaedic surgery.
Mount Druitt Hospital continued

- Grow services with new facilities, as part of the Blacktown and Mount Druitt Hospitals Expansion Project Stage 2 (BMDH Project) for:
  - Surgery services including an additional theatre, expanded recovery area, and pre-admissions clinic
  - Satellite (community) renal dialysis
  - Medical Resonance Imaging (MRI)
  - Drug health services including the Centre for Addiction Medicine
- Develop and implement networking arrangements with the restored inpatient paediatric service at Blacktown Hospital and with Auburn Hospital, as part of the WSLHD network of paediatric services
- Explore opportunities in conjunction with the Blacktown Emergency Department to improve emergency care including the minor injuries unit model and short stay models for adults and children
- Explore proposed development of a District hub for palliative care services
- Continue to transform oral health services, including a greater focus on health promotion and outreach services in the delivery of dental services and explore opportunities to further expand the dental clinic.

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:
  - 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.