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Good morning Maggie,

Thank you for attending the SENSW RTH Reference Committee meeting this week. As a follow up to the discussion I am sending the information in relation to SNSW LHD not having any visibility on HETI NSW Networks. The information has recently been sent to Dr Claire Blizzard by Professor Sally Hall Dykgraaf, Head of Rural Clinical School ANU School of Medicine and Psychology and also Dr Elizabeth Mullins, Executive Director Medical Services SNSW LHD. To date I am not aware of a response to the enquiry.

There are several "training positions" available at sites across SNSW LHD which includes interns who are rotated out from Canberra Hospital and Health Services. There are a few positions for PGY2 and higher positions which come from Canberra, and several which are rotated out from Sydney hospitals/ networks. At this time each year when I am working with graduating doctors from multiple universities who would like to work in Southern NSW sites, I am reminded how "invisible" Southern NSW LHD is. The link here will show you the NSW Health Networks which are "training locations for NSW JMO's/ Interns", Click on the link and scroll down to the networks information:

https://www.heti.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/596318/NSW-Prevocational-Training-Hospital-Networks.pdf

At the bottom of the NSW Prevocational Training Networks section there is a button to click to see the full list of accredited facilities in NSW Prevocational Training Networks. If you follow that link you will see the full list of NSW Hospitals with EXCEPTION of any SNSW LHD sites.

Despite several discussions in the past 3 years, getting the SNSW LHD hospitals returned and listed as part of the HETI Networks for NSW has not been successful. A precedent has been set where The Albury Wodonga Health Service are recognised and listed on the HETI Networks, with recognition that the hospitals for Albury Wodonga are accredited by Victoria. Could SNSW LHD be included in the NSW list and have the information that the hospitals are accredited by Canberra Region Medical Education Council . Is there a reason for the SNSW LHD to be totally invisible in this system?

In my role with the Hub I have been having discussion with Chris Russell from Rural Doctors Network and having preliminary conversations in relation to SNSW LHD having NSW Cadetship program graduates working at hospitals in SNSW LHD in the near future as students from this region who want to work in the SNSW LHD. See information about the program here:

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Does SNSW LHD have capacity to have interns at Bega and Goulburn and futuristically at Eurobodalla who are “Bega and Goulburn Interns” and rotated to a Sydney Hospital to cover the gaps similar to what happens now with ACT. I am aware that in the past few years we have had interns complete all rotations at Bega and return to Canberra H&H Services for higher level A&E and Paeds rotations. As the HUB manager, I supported one graduate to get an Intern position and in Feb 2023, a PGY2 University of Wollongong graduate completed her 2 year training in Goulburn with the exception of return to Canberra H&H Services for higher level A&E and Paeds rotations, she is now on a GP pathway in Goulburn.

There are knock on effects for the LHD not being visible as a training network in NSW, including no mention in AMA Junior doctor surveys. This is important as Australian Doctors use these surveys, along with other “research” to find the hospitals they are wanting and willing to work in post PGY2. Please see the most two most recent surveys here:

As part of the role as SENSW Regional Training Hub Manager, I am asking on behalf of ANU RCS for collaborative support to raise this as an issue and a request for SNSW LHD to be included and

visible in the NSW Health Training Networks for Medical workforce.

Happy to discuss the issues raised in the email or other issues relating to SENSW Regional Training Hub outcomes.

Thanks and regards

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