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Hi Alfa

Further to our conversation earlier today, I am sharing with you the proposed response from SVHS to The Saturday Paper in relation to their enquiry regarding our financial position. My media team have also shared this with the MOH media team.

Can I please reiterate my apologies regarding this incident and assure you this was not a planned or deliberate action. We are investigating this fully to prevent any future incidents.

Regards

Anna

### **St Vincent's Hospital response to The Saturday Paper**

Like most Australian hospitals providing public services, St Vincent's Hospital Sydney is experiencing budgetary pressures as it shifts out of a COVID-response phase and returns to more predictable operating tempo.

This is a common and frequently told story in today's public health system, which is experiencing significant change and adjustment in the wake of the pandemic.

As in every year, St Vincent's Hospital is focussed on improving its performance. We are introducing new models of care and operational responses that continue to meet the needs of our community.

St Vincent's has been partnering with the people of NSW since 1857 and we are working constructively with NSW Health to address our current financial position.

Just as we have for more than 165 years, St Vincent's public is looking forward to going from strength-to-strength in 2024.

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