Annexure "G"



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Dr Lloyd Ridley Staff Specialist, Department of Radiology Concord Repatriation General Hospital (CRGH)

Via email:

Dear Dr Ridley,

write following our meeting on Tuesday, 11 April 2023 regarding the Department of Radiology, CRGH (Concord Radiology). Thank you for taking time to meet with myself, Dr Genevieve Wallace, Executive Director of Operations and Reuben Haupt, Acting Director of Operations, Medical Imaging Stream (MIS).

I hope you agree that the meeting was positive in clearly outlining a way forward for Concord Radiology. I write to confirm the items discussed, including: i) procurement of major medical equipment (MME); ii) recruitment of Radiologists; and iii) outlining a future direction for Concord Radiology.

i) Procurement of MME

It is important that Concord Radiology has contemporary MME to provide best quality imaging to patients. I have asked Mr Haupt to develop business cases for the replacement of two Computed Tomography (CT) scanners (Concord CT2 and Canterbury CT) and the procurement of a third CT Scanner for the CRGH Emergency Department. Further, Mr Haupt is currently drafting a business case to procure a second Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scanner at Concord Radiology.

ii) Recruitment

As detailed during our meeting, there are three recruitment activities currently underway for Concord Radiology, including the recruitment of VMO Interventional Radiologists, Staff Specialist Diagnostic Radiologists and a new Head of Department. The latter is being undertaken by an external recruitment consultant who is making enquires nationally and internationally. I am appreciative that Dr Robert Loneragan has agreed to act as Head of Department. In the meantime, I expect that you and the rest of the Department will give Dr Loneragan your support while he is acting Head of Department.

A positive culture is essential to ensuring Concord Radiology attracts skilled Radiologists. As noted during the meeting, I believe you are fundamental to this as a senior staff member within the Department.

iii) Future Direction

As you are aware, I have requested Mr Haupt to organise a planning day for Concord Radiology, with the aim of developing an operational plan for the next two years. The intent will be to document operational plans to meet the current and future needs of the Department.

Thank you again for your time to discuss approaches to these important issues. Concord Radiology is an important Department within CRGH and SLHD and we look forward to working collaboratively with you going forward. Should you require any further information or would like to discuss further, please contact Mr Haupt at

Yours sincerely

Dr Teresa Anderson AM **Chief Executive**

Date: 17-4-23

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