

Press Release



Central Coast
Division of
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Division Chief raises serious concerns over Health Service Cuts

Phil Godden, Chair of the Central Coast Division of General Practice is concerned at the ongoing and erosive nature of cuts to local health services.

“Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service (NSCCAHS) has over recent months reduced services in a number of key areas” said Dr Godden.

Some recent examples are the Community Detoxification Service, Drug and Alcohol Liaison and Outpatient Physiotherapy Services.

Dr Godden said “research shows that these community services are much more effective than inpatient hospital services in terms of cost effectiveness and patient outcomes”.

Our GPs can rely heavily on services such as these for referral, intervention and collaborative patient management. Any reduction in services can add to an already stretched workload and workforce of GPs on the Central Coast.

Dr Godden called for an immediate moratorium by the State Government on any further health service cuts.

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