



THE FORENSIC HOSPITAL

A FIRST FOR NEW SOUTH WALES

COMPLETE CARE

THE FORENSIC HOSPITAL IS A 135 BED HIGH SECURE ENVIRONMENT FOR MALE AND FEMALE ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS. THE MISSION OF THE FORENSIC HOSPITAL IS TO PROVIDE THE HIGHEST STANDARD OF CARE FOR MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE, WHILE ENSURING THE SAFETY OF PATIENTS, STAFF AND THE COMMUNITY. FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH IS A SPECIALISED FIELD WITHIN MENTAL HEALTH.

The Forensic Hospital is operated by Justice Health on behalf of NSW Health. The hospital is an integral part of the Statewide Forensic Mental Health Network and completes the clinical pathway for mentally ill people in contact with the criminal justice system.

OUR AIMS

The aims of The Forensic Hospital are to:

- Improve the mental health of forensic patients
- Reduce the burden of mental illness on forensic patients
- Reduce relapses into offending behaviour, when the relapse is related to mental health problems or disorders
- Reduce costs to the community and health services, as they relate to forensic mental health
- Identify and respond to the needs of specific populations, such as women, adolescents and indigenous Australians
- Involve families and carers in clinical planning and decision making

“THE FORENSIC HOSPITAL
WILL INTRODUCE THE PHYSICAL
INFRASTRUCTURE WE NEED
TO PROVIDE HUMANE AND
EFFECTIVE MENTAL HEALTH
CARE TO FORENSIC PATIENTS.”

JULIE BABINEAU, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, JUSTICE HEALTH



PATIENTS

Patients accommodated at the facility include:

- Those who have been found not guilty by reason of mental illness
- Those found unfit to plead
- Those transferred from the Department of Corrective Services and Department of Juvenile Justice for involuntary mental health treatment
- Patients with complex and challenging mental health needs referred from other area mental health services

SERVICE UNITS

The hospital provides a coordinated and structured program to ensure optimal diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation for this population, within a patient centred multidisciplinary setting.

The Forensic Hospital has five accommodation units for patients across the clinical spectrum from high dependency, acute care and extended care through to long stay and rehabilitation. There are specialised units within the hospital for adolescents and women.

THE CLINICAL TEAM

To ensure optimum outcomes for forensic patients, the highly skilled clinical team within the hospital includes:

- Registered and endorsed enrolled nurses
- Psychiatrists and psychiatric registrars
- Clinical psychologists
- Social workers
- Occupational therapists
- Diversional therapists
- Welfare officers
- Music therapist
- Art therapist

PATIENT, FAMILY AND CARER INVOLVEMENT

The service has a holistic and multi-disciplinary approach to patient care with the patient, the family and carers placed central to the decision making and planning processes.

Information is available for families and carers including, how the mental health system works, fact sheets on mental illness, treatment options, ongoing care and monitoring, referral options and advocacy.





SECURITY

The Forensic Hospital is a high secure facility that uses appropriate clinical security measures together with specialised technology to provide a secure environment that enables the safe delivery of therapeutic programmes.

PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (PPP)

A private consortium, PPP Solutions Inc., constructed The Forensic Hospital and now provides facilities management, perimeter security and hotel services through a Public Private Partnership.

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