



Dear [REDACTED],

DECISION ON YOUR ACCESS APPLICATION

I refer to your application under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (FOI Act), received by ACT Health Directorate (ACTHD) on **Thursday 8 December 2022**.

This application requested access to:

'Reports, emails and other information related to a fire in Building 4 at Calvary Hospital, from the dates December 6 to December 7, 2022.'

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Director-General of ACT Health Directorate (ACTHD) under section 18 of the FOI Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the Act. ACTHD was required to provide a decision on your access application by **Wednesday 1 February 2023**.

I have identified 12 documents holding the information within scope of your access application. These are outlined in the schedule of documents included at [Attachment A](#) to this decision letter.

Decisions

I have decided to:

- grant full access to two documents; and
- grant partial access to 10 documents.

My access decisions are detailed further in the following statement of reasons and the documents released to you are provided as [Attachment B](#) to this letter.

In reaching my access decision, I have taken the following into account:

- The FOI Act;
- The contents of the documents that fall within the scope of your request;
- The views of relevant third parties; and
- The *Human Rights Act 2004*.

Full Access

I have decided to grant full access to two documents at references 1-2. The information redacted is out of scope of your access application.

Partial Access

I have decided to grant partial access to 10 documents as they contain information that I consider, on balance to be contrary to the public interest to disclose under the test set out in section 17 of the Act.

Public Interest Factors Favouring Disclosure

The following factors were considered relevant in favour of the disclosure of the documents:

- Schedule 2, 2.1(a)(i) promote open discussion of public affairs and enhance the government's accountability; and
- Schedule 2, 2.1(a)(ii) contribute to positive and informed debate on important issues or matters of public interest.

Public Interest Factors Favouring Non-Disclosure

The following factors were considered relevant in favour of the non-disclosure of the documents:

- Schedule 2, Schedule 2.2 (a)(ii) prejudice the protection of an individual's right to privacy or any other right under the *Human Rights Act 2004*.

Documents at references 3-12 are partially comprised of personal information of ACT-Government employees' mobile numbers and personal information of non-ACT Government employees and has not been disclosed as this could reasonably be expected to prejudice the protection of the individual's right to privacy.

On balance, the factors favouring disclosure did not outweigh the factor favouring non-disclosure as the information would not provide any government information pertinent to your request. Therefore, I have determined the information identified is contrary to the public interest and would not advantage the public in disclosing this information.

Charges

Processing charges are not applicable to this request.

Disclosure Log

Under section 28 of the FOI Act, ACTHD maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. The scope of your access application, my decision and documents released to you will be published in the disclosure log not less than three days but not more than 10 days after the date of this decision. Your personal contact details will not be published.

<https://www.health.act.gov.au/about-our-health-system/freedom-information/disclosure-log>.

Ombudsman review

My decision on your access request is a reviewable decision as identified in Schedule 3 of the FOI Act. You have the right to seek Ombudsman review of this outcome under section 73 of the Act within 20 working days from the day that my decision is published in ACT Health's disclosure log, or a longer period allowed by the Ombudsman.

If you wish to request a review of my decision you may write to the Ombudsman at:

The ACT Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA ACT 2601
Via email: ACTFOI@ombudsman.gov.au
Website: ombudsman.act.gov.au

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) review

Under section 84 of the Act, if a decision is made under section 82(1) on an Ombudsman review, you may apply to the ACAT for review of the Ombudsman decision. Further information may be obtained from the ACAT at:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal
Level 4, 1 Moore St
GPO Box 370
Canberra City ACT 2601
Telephone: (02) 6207 1740
<http://www.acat.act.gov.au/>

Further assistance

Should you have any queries in relation to your request, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Coordinator on (02) 5124 9831 or email HealthFOI@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

Kate Chambers

Kate Chambers
Executive Branch Manager
Commissioning
ACT Health Directorate

27 January 2023

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS

Please be aware that under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016*, some of the information provided to you will be released to the public through the ACT Government's Open Access Scheme. The Open Access release status column of the table below indicates what documents are intended for release online through open access.

Personal information or business affairs information will not be made available under this policy. If you think the content of your request would contain such information, please inform the contact officer immediately.

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APPLICANT NAME	WHAT ARE THE PARAMETERS OF THE REQUEST	FILE NUMBER
[REDACTED]	<i>'Reports, emails and other information related to a fire in Building 4 at Calvary Hospital, from the dates December 6 to December 7, 2022.'</i>	ACTHDFOI22-23.22

Ref Number	Page Number	Description	Date	Status Decision	Factor	Open Access release status
1.	1	Microsoft Teams Messages	06 December 2022	Full Release	Some information out of scope	YES
2.	2	Microsoft Teams Messages	06 December 2022	Full Release	Some information out of scope	YES
3.	3 – 4	Email – Re: fires in Calvary theatres	07 December 2022	Partial Release	Schedule 2, 2.2 (a)(ii) Privacy	YES
4.	5 – 7	Email – RE: notes on incident	07 December 2022	Partial Release	Schedule 2, 2.2 (a)(ii) Privacy	YES
5.	8 – 10	Email – RE: URGENT: Briefing for fire at Calvary Hospital	07 December 2022	Partial Release	Schedule 2, 2.2 (a)(ii) Privacy	YES
6.	11 – 17	Email with attachments – FW: notes on incident	07 December 2022	Partial Release	Schedule 2, 2.2 (a)(ii) Privacy	YES

7.	18 – 19	Email – FW: notes on incident	07 December 2022	Partial Release	Schedule 2, 2.2 (a)(ii) Privacy	YES
8.	20 – 23	Email – RE: URGENT : Briefing for fire at Calvary Hospital	07 December 2022	Partial Release	Schedule 2, 2.2 (a)(ii) Privacy	YES
9.	24 – 26	Email – Re: URGENT : Briefing for fire at Calvary Hospital	07 December 2022	Partial Release	Schedule 2, 2.2 (a)(ii) Privacy	YES
10.	27 – 28	Email – RE: impact from CPHB fire	07 December 2022	Partial Release	Schedule 2, 2.2 (a)(ii) Privacy	YES
11.	29 – 32	Email – FW: URGENT : Briefing for fire at Calvary Hospital	07 December 2022	Partial Release	Schedule 2, 2.2 (a)(ii) Privacy	YES
12.	33 – 35	Caveat Brief - Minister for Health - CPHB Incident - Fire in operating theatre complex - 6 December 2022	08 December 2022	Partial Release	Schedule 2, 2.2 (a)(ii) Privacy	YES
Total Number of Documents						
12						

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Out of Scope

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Fam, Shun Deng (Health) 06/12 3:39 pm
there is a fire at CPHB apparently

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KP Porganyi, Katrina (Health) 06/12 3:40 pm
Yep - article here <https://www.canberratimes.com.au/story/8009665/parts-of-calvary-hospital-evacuated-after-fire-near-operating-theatre/?cs=14329>

Fam, Shun Deng (Health) 06/12 3:41 pm
oh dang, it's the operating theatre block

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06/12 3:42 pm
Thanks, was wondering how long it would take to hit the news! Robin let Kate know a couple of hours ago. Kate keeping DG etc informed

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KP Porganyi, Katrina (Health) 06/12 3:42 pm
Not long!

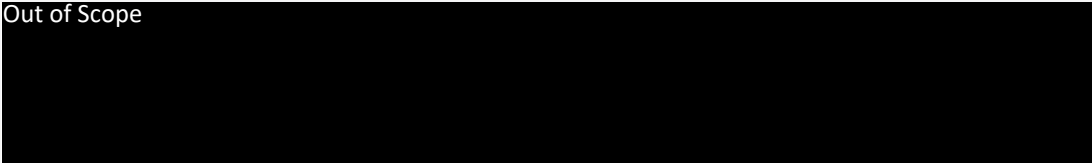
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KG Grant, Karla (Health) 06/12 3:42 pm
Looks like it's out, but how much damage I wonder.



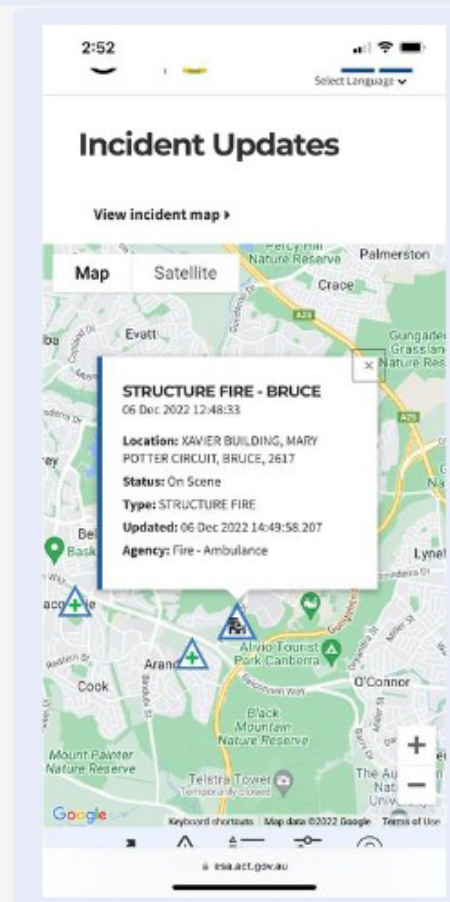
Tuesday, 6 December

Out of Scope



06/12 2:53 pm

On the ESA incident maps on website so am sure it won't be long before it's widely known:



One of the team contacting Kanta to flag CHH matter/who to send to



Chambers, Kate (Health) 06/12 4:28 pm

hi - follow up on papers (if there are any) for the 12/12 meeting on consumer matters/incidents meeting? how are they

From: Chambers, Kate (Health)
Sent: Wednesday, 7 December 2022 10:51
To: Zagari, Janet (Health); Mitchell, Andrew (Health)
Cc: George, Jacinta (Health); Pini, Sallyanne (Health); CHS, DCEO
Subject: Re: fires in Calvary theatres

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Thank you!!

I'll check these fit with Robin

Kate Chambers
Executive Branch Manager, CFO

From: Zagari, Janet (Health) <Janet.Zagari@act.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 10:40:46 AM
To: Mitchell, Andrew (Health) <Andrew.W.Mitchell@act.gov.au>; Chambers, Kate (Health) <Kate.Chambers@act.gov.au>
Cc: George, Jacinta (Health) <Jacinta.George@act.gov.au>; Pini, Sallyanne (Health) <Sallyanne.Pini@act.gov.au>; CHS, DCEO <CHSDCEO@act.gov.au>
Subject: Re: fires in Calvary theatres

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I can do 1100 if I move some other things?

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From: Mitchell, Andrew (Health) <Andrew.W.Mitchell@act.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 10:31:40 AM
To: Chambers, Kate (Health) <Kate.Chambers@act.gov.au>; Zagari, Janet (Health) <Janet.Zagari@act.gov.au>
Cc: George, Jacinta (Health) <Jacinta.George@act.gov.au>; Pini, Sallyanne (Health) <Sallyanne.Pini@act.gov.au>
Subject: Re: fires in Calvary theatres

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Yes Kate

Marianne is coming at 11 am tomorrow to TWSS should we piggy back onto that ?

Andrew

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From: Chambers, Kate (Health) <Kate.Chambers@act.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 10:29:44 AM
To: Mitchell, Andrew (Health) <Andrew.W.Mitchell@act.gov.au>; Zagari, Janet (Health) <Janet.Zagari@act.gov.au>

Cc: George, Jacinta (Health) <Jacinta.George@act.gov.au>; Pini, Sallyanne (Health) <Sallyanne.Pini@act.gov.au>
Subject: fires in Calvary theatres

Hi Janet and Andrew,

I am sure you have heard about yesterdays incident at Calvary.

I understand significant fire and water damage has occurred in the theatres.

Robin has suggested an urgent TWSS meeting to discuss how to deal with ES with Calvary indicating significant time out. Robin has requested today to sort out urgent matters (shifting cat 1 and emergency maternity to Bruce Private) but suggested we meet Thursday / Friday to discuss.

Are you available please?

Kate

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From: Bransgrove, Meagen
Sent: Wednesday, 7 December 2022 14:18
To: Chambers, Kate (Health); Cross, Rebecca (Health)
Cc: Bergin, Catherine
Subject: RE: notes on incident

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Thanks Kate, are you able to send through the sit-rep that Robin has mentioned?

Beyond what is outlined below questions will most likely go to the broader knock-on effects in the other departments and safety aspects of having the patients evacuated outside/and in higher levels of Xavier. Might also be good to have a little bit of extra information on how CHS supported and bypass times.

Between yourself and Ross I have quite a bit of the information as well so can assist if needed.

Thanks,

Meg

From: Chambers, Kate (Health) <Kate.Chambers@act.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 7 December 2022 2:04 PM
To: Bransgrove, Meagen <Meagen.Bransgrove@act.gov.au>; Cross, Rebecca (Health) <Rebecca.Cross@act.gov.au>
Subject: Fwd: notes on incident

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Hi Meagan

Let me know if you think more information will be required ahead of briefing

Kate

From: Robin Haberecht [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 10:49 am
To: Chambers, Kate (Health) <Kate.Chambers@act.gov.au>
Cc: Kanta Toraskar (Calvary) [REDACTED]; George, Jacinta (Health) <Jacinta.George@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: notes on incident

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Hi Kate

Ross is phoning Meg B in Ministers office now regarding this potential meeting below.

I've just added a couple of general bits for you but also the situation report is available which summarises the situation through yesterday

Robin

Robin Haberecht
General Manager



Public Hospital Bruce
[REDACTED]

From: Chambers, Kate (Health) <Kate.Chambers@act.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 7 December 2022 10:24 AM
To: Robin Haberecht [REDACTED]
Cc: Kanta Toraskar [REDACTED]; George, Jacinta <Jacinta.George@act.gov.au>
Subject: notes on incident
Importance: High

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Hi Robin,

As Discussed, if a briefing is required with Ms Castley, I'd propose to note the following:

At approximately 1230pm Tuesday 6 December a piece of equipment caught fire in the operating theatre at Calvary Public Hospital Bruce. At the time a staff member was setting up the theatre and activated the emergency response. There was no patient receiving surgery in that theatre. All staff and patients in the vicinity of that theatre were immediately and safely evacuated and all patients were kept safe. The fire was extinguished quickly however there was significant damage to the theatre complex. Assessment with ACT Fire and Rescue is still underway and we are unable to comment on the cause. All category 1 elective surgery patients are being prioritised for surgery at our other facilities along with emergency birthing. Patient and staff safety is our highest priority.

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From: LHN Coord
Sent: Wednesday, 7 December 2022 17:05
To: ACT Health DLO
Cc: LHN Coord
Subject: RE: URGENT : Briefing for fire at Calvary Hospital

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Hi Tara,

I will have to check with team. I will get back to you as soon as I have the answer.

Thank you

Emma

From: Gower, Tara (Health) <Tara.Gower@act.gov.au> **On Behalf Of** ACT Health DLO
Sent: Wednesday, 7 December 2022 4:31 PM
To: LHN Coord <LHNCoord@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: URGENT : Briefing for fire at Calvary Hospital

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Hi Emma

Thanks for sending this through.

Can I please confirm the team are preparing a caveat brief on this matter? When I spoke to the MO this morning, I was under the impression this was happening,.

Thank you

Tara

Tara Gower | A/g Directorate Liaison Officer | ACT Health Directorate

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Officer of Emma Davidson | Minister for Mental Health

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From: LHN Coord <LHNCoord@act.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 7 December 2022 3:25 PM
To: ACT Health DLO <ACTHealthDLO@act.gov.au>
Cc: LHN Coord <LHNCoord@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: URGENT : Briefing for fire at Calvary Hospital
Importance: High

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Hi Tara,

Kate's calendar is quite full both Thursday and Friday. She will be available:

- Thursday 08/12, 3:00pm – 3:30pm; or
- Thursday 08/12, 4:00pm – 4:30pm; or
- Friday 09/12, before 8:45am; or
- Friday 09/12, after 5:30pm.

Thank you

Emma

From: Gower, Tara (Health) <Tara.Gower@act.gov.au> **On Behalf Of** ACT Health DLO
Sent: Wednesday, 7 December 2022 3:16 PM
To: LHN Coord <LHNCoord@act.gov.au>; DGACTHealth <DGACTHealth@act.gov.au>; Dawson, Jenny (Health) <Jenny.Dawson@act.gov.au>
Subject: URGENT : Briefing for fire at Calvary Hospital
Importance: High

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Hi team

Can I please seek Rebecca and Kate's availability for tomorrow and Friday asap please.

Ms Castley's office have said tomorrow afternoon, after 2pm or Friday before 9am or after 5pm.

I am assuming Friday might be best noting HSPE have their Christmas event tomorrow?

Thank you

Tara

Tara Gower | A/g Directorate Liaison Officer | ACT Health DirectorateMob: [REDACTED] | Email: ACTHealthDLO@act.gov.au**Office of Rachel Stephen-Smith | Minister for Health****Officer of Emma Davidson | Minister for Mental Health**

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From: STEPHEN-SMITH <STEPHEN-SMITH@act.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 9:49:50 AM
To: ACT Health DLO <ACTHealthDLO@act.gov.au>
Cc: Bransgrove, Meagen <Meagen.Bransgrove@act.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Briefing for fire at Calvary Hospital

Morning Tara,

Can we please get officials' earliest availability, please?

Thanks,
Martin

Martin Elliffe

Office Manager | Office of Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA

Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs | Minister for Families and Community Services |
Minister for Health

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From: Sanby, Liam <Liam.Sanby@parliament.act.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 7 December 2022 9:47 AM
To: STEPHEN-SMITH <STEPHEN-SMITH@act.gov.au>
Cc: Castley, Leanne <Leanne.Castley@parliament.act.gov.au>
Subject: Briefing for fire at Calvary Hospital

Hi Martin,

Leanne was hoping to receive a briefing regarding the fire at Calvary Hospital, how it started, what services it affected, how many patients and what the response has been from the hospital.

As this issue is quite pertinent Leanne has been receiving messages from constituents and Canberrans asking the above questions so it would be great to understand the details so we can pass the correct information on to them.

If you could let me know the earliest time a briefing would be possible I should be able to rearrange Ms Castley's calendar to accommodate that time.

Thanks,

Liam

Liam Sanby
Adviser | Office of Ms Leanne Castley MLA, Member for Yerrabi
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From: Chambers, Kate (Health)
Sent: Wednesday, 7 December 2022 17:26
To: Pini, Sallyanne (Health)
Subject: FW: notes on incident
Attachments: 221207 1100 Sit Rep 4.pdf; 221207 1500 Sit Rep 5.pdf

Email 1/2

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From: Kanta Toraskar [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 7 December 2022 5:12 PM
To: Chambers, Kate (Health) <Kate.Chambers@act.gov.au>
Cc: George, Jacinta (Health) <Jacinta.George@act.gov.au>; Ross Hawkins [REDACTED] Robin Haberecht (Calvary) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: notes on incident

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Hello Kate

Please see our responses below and sitreps from today attached too.

Regards

Kanta Toraskar
 Executive Assistant to General Manager and CFO



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From: Chambers, Kate (Health) <Kate.Chambers@act.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 2:15:52 PM

To: Robin Haberecht (Calvary) [REDACTED]
Cc: Kanta Toraskar (Calvary) [REDACTED]; George, Jacinta (Health)
[<Jacinta.George@act.gov.au>](mailto:Jacinta.George@act.gov.au)
Subject: Re: notes on incident

Hi Robin

Apologies to bother you again.

The minister's office has advised me that the DG and I will attend an opposition briefing, likely tomorrow

Can I get an update on:

- elective surgery- though note we are coming together to discuss as TWSS. That cat 1 are being prioritised and our networks with Calvary private are active;

Elective surgery – with the exception of one list on Friday that is being done now, all patients due for surgery have been contacted and advised of either the postponement of their surgery or alternative arrangements for Cat 1 patients. This work will continue.

Category 1 patients are the surgical priority at this time and those patients are being scheduled in the private hospitals

The Executive will be meeting with TWSS tomorrow to have further discussion regarding strategies and support

- Impact on ED;

ED is now operating normally noting absence of emergency surgery capability. As CPHB do not receive trauma patients that surgical demand does not exist. Patients presenting to the ED requiring emergency surgery will be stabilised before an inter-hospital transfer is affected

- Maternity

CPHB birth suite remains on by-pass until an appropriate surgery solution for urgent C-sections is implemented. Numerous options are being considered including a dedicated theatre space at Calvary Private with the patient being attended by medical, nursing and midwifery staff from Calvary Public however this isn't confirmed yet

- What risks have come up for patients and how they are being managed

Patients requiring emergency surgery who present to ED are being transferred to Canberra Health Service, maternity patients are referred to CHS and CPHB is taking postnatal patients back from CHS, elective Csections already planned are being managed at Calvary John James at this time, ED is functioning in its usual capacity, all other inpatients are being managed BAU

- Business continuity plan?

For surgery and maternity as mentioned above. This is a day to day evolving situation

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Situation Report 4

SITUATION
<p>See previous event description</p> <p>At at 11:00 – 7/12/2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maternity Department on bypass till tomorrow morning • Grant has kindly provided CBPH theatres to be accessed for C-Sections from tomorrow. One planned c-section patient has gone to CJJH today • All theatre staff meeting scheduled for 9 am tomorrow in the Function rooms. Theatre staff have been given key tasks for today including planning / rostering of staff • Other surgeries will be diverted to CHS • Janee to organise CoWs / EPIC for CBPH • Discussion with TWSS to take place in the next few days • Todd requested update on condition of 3 x mobile Med-Imaging devices in theatres • Comprehensive assessment of air quality by ACTGAL is required. Denise to call them after this meeting to provide access clearance and attend site if required. Pru to review ACTGAL clearance and advise when safe to access theatres. Once access is provided Denise to take Sandra to theatres for a review • Need to look at Endoscopy unit to bring it to a standard that can be used for surgeries - Jarrad to request Darrin Brown to progress. Sandra stated Endoscopy Unit should be the last resort as it is not AS4187 compatible. Urology Unit is AS4187 compatible • CAT 1 list will be done at CBPH tomorrow including 2 non-emergency lists which will cover one session • ESWLs for this week have been cancelled. This will be reviewed on Friday, 9 December • Marianne to provide updated theatre list to Judy • 3 x urology patients need an overnight stay and there are no beds available in CPHB. Judy to speak to surgical bookings for further details • 13 staff have been directly impacted. EAP will contact them today <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debrief from incident yesterday needs to be organised to discuss our Emergency mgt protocols • Social media / CHS website needs to be updated. Situation update to the media needs to be provided • Ross to advise CPHB BCP process and use of facilitators • Debrief from Paul Thorpe (IC) to provide a preliminary assessment on the situation will be requested by Pru / Chantelle <p>Next debrief at 3:00 pm today</p>
CALVARY POINT OF CONTACT
Robin Haberecht
SERVICES IMPACTED or SHUT DOWN
- Theatres have been impacted and will not open in the short term.

BYPASS SITUATION
- The Hospital remains on bypass for Maternity
ACTION PLAN/FUTURE STEPS Establish access arrangements to theatres: Reallocate Cat 1 and Cat 2 and Cat 3 breaches to other settings, meeting 0830 to advance plans at Calvary Private Investigate options for C-Section capability at Calvary Public
Next Meeting 3:00 pm Wed 7/12/22

Situation Report 5

SITUATION
<p>See previous event description</p> <p>At 15:00 – 7/12/2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theatre accessed and reviewed by Robin, Marianne and Denise. Air testing has been completed and results expected soon • Previous advice from ACT Fire & Rescue of no hazardous gases in the air in theatres was noted • BARMCO engaged and will provide scope of works - Jarrad to advise process / brief / timeframe etc. • Infection Control team to visit theatre after clearance received • Denise is looking at damaged equipment in Theatres and a full audit of theatre equipment has been initiated through the Assets team • Staff cannot enter theatres before Hazmat clearance • Robin stated Theatres 1, 2 & 3 do not display any apparent damage, requirements to recommission these theatres will be determined • Main priority is to recommence birth suite services by establishing surgical capability for emergency C-sections within clinically acceptable parameters: options being investigated are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) CBPH Theatre, noting that due to time criticality the decision to proceed with C-section should be made early (b) assess suitability of endoscopy procedure room for repurposing as C-section capable theatre • Develop planning around CJJH for the elective C-sections • The option of a drop-in theatre has been tabled for consideration • The fiscal impact of some or all of these options was noted • WHS team reported an increase in the number of staff who were or moved into proximity of the fire. Staff are being supported, managed and monitored, and Staff Health team will take a proactive approach to this issue • Insurance and related considerations were raised, Brian Lawless and Denise to meet to discuss processes • Denise, Pru and Sandra to inspect damaged theatres site • Staff have reported damaged personal items, appropriate process to commence • It was noted that a protocol has been developed between CPHB and CHS that in the event a pregnant patient requires urgent transfer to TCH a CPHB maternity registrar will join the patient in the ambulance and remain with the patient until accepted by CHS staff <p>ACTIONS GOING FORWARD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proceed with the Calvary Private Theatre option • Work has commenced to make the Calvary Private Theatre DHR capable <p>Next debrief at 8:30am on 8/12/2022</p>
CALVARY POINT OF CONTACT
Robin Haberecht

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Next Meeting 8:30 am Thursday, 8/12/22

From: Chambers, Kate (Health)
Sent: Wednesday, 7 December 2022 17:26
To: Pini, Sallyanne (Health)
Subject: FW: notes on incident

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Sent: Wednesday, 7 December 2022 2:04 PM
To: Bransgrove, Meagen <Meagen.Bransgrove@act.gov.au>; Cross, Rebecca (Health) <Rebecca.Cross@act.gov.au>
Subject: Fwd: notes on incident

Hi Meagan

Let me know if you think more information will be required ahead of briefing

Kate

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Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 10:49 am
To: Chambers, Kate (Health) <Kate.Chambers@act.gov.au>
Cc: Kanta Toraskar (Calvary) [REDACTED] George, Jacinta (Health) <Jacinta.George@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: notes on incident

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Hi Kate

Ross is phoning Meg B in Ministers office now regarding this potential meeting below.

I've just added a couple of general bits for you but also the situation report is available which summarises the situation through yesterday

Robin

Robin Haberecht
General Manager



Public Hospital Bruce

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Hi Robin,

As Discussed, if a briefing is required with Ms Castley, I'd propose to note the following:

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 All category 1 elective surgery patients are being prioritised for surgery at our other facilities along with emergency birthing
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To: Pini, Sallyanne (Health); LHN Coord
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Sallyanne -thank you – have just sent the background notes – from Ms Castley’s email – I understand approx. 30 patients were impacted at the time but moved to safe locations.

FYI Emma – I am not available Friday after 230pm –

Can we get the meeting either anytime after 2pm Thursday – I’ll move the other meetings

Friday before 9am is ok or 1-230 only

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Hi Kate - do you want to fwd me the points you had on email today and I’ll draft an initial caveat brief this evening noting it is interim advice pending formal brief from CPHB and meeting with TWSS tomorrow?

SA

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Thanks,

Liam

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Thank you

Emma

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From: O'Neill, Cathie (Health)
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To: Chambers, Kate (Health); Zagari, Janet (Health)
Subject: RE: impact from CPHB fire

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Kate

Its too hard to quantify at this stage – some points which hopefully will be helpful.

Yesterday our ED saw a total of ~280 presentations which is in line with expectations, however what was unusual was a peak in the early evening which created long waits for people at that time
Our maternity unit will continue to work with Calvary to ensure safe options for all birthing women. Today we have transferred some post natal women to calvary to increase bed availability for birthing women. We will continue to do this as required.

We have offered for Calvary staff displaced as a consequence of the fire if they would like to come and do shifts at TCH we will make that happen as easily as possible – eg theatre staff

We have offered assistance of our Facilities and Maintenance staff in the clean up and rectification works.

C

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To: O'Neill, Cathie (Health) <Cathie.O'Neill@act.gov.au>; Zagari, Janet (Health) <Janet.Zagari@act.gov.au>
Subject: impact from CPHB fire
Importance: High

Hi Cathie and Janet,

The opposition have requested a briefing on the fire and impact on activity, the ACTHD DG and I will attend this matter.

Question's that may come up, is the flow on impact its having on CHS. Would it be possible to get a few dot points on impact, ED, maternity are services that come to mind, and anything else you think particularly relevant.

I'll note the planned meeting with TWSC called for 11am 8/12 – that CPHB are working with B private to assist with cat 1's and emergency maternity.

Appreciate information in advance of meeting, which will be placed in for some time tomorrow.

Thank you

KC

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Hi



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Hi Kate

Caveat brief saved here for your clearance: [MIN22/TBC - Caveat Brief - Minister for Health - CPHB Incident - Fire in operating theatre complex - 6 December 2022 - Objective ECM \(act.gov.au\)](#)

Have highlighted one point for you to include please.

Thanks
SA

Sallyanne Pini | Senior Director

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To: Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA, Minister for Health

CC: Rebecca Cross, Director-General

Subject: Calvary Public Hospital Bruce Incident – Fire in Operating Theatre Complex – 6 December 2022

- At approximately 13:17 on Tuesday, 6 December 2022, the General Manager (GM), Calvary Public Hospital Bruce, contacted the A/g Executive Group Manager (EGM), Health System Planning and Evaluation (HSPE), ACT Health Directorate (ACTHD), to advise that a fire had broken out in the operating theatre complex at CPHB. The GM CPHB noted that:
 - ACT Fire and Rescue and ACT Policing were on site attending to the fire and assisting with traffic control; and that
 - All staff and patients in the vicinity had been safely evacuated.
- The A/g EGM HSPE immediately advised the ACTHD Director-General.
- ACTHD has not yet received a formal written briefing from the GM CPHB on the incident however, preliminary advice is as follows:
 - At approximately 12.30pm on Tuesday, 6 December 2022, a piece of equipment caught fire in an operating theatre at CPHB.
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 - Assessment with ACT Fire and Rescue is still underway, and the cause is yet to be confirmed.
 - CPHB went on bypass for emergency patients and maternity services.
 - Public communications were distributed altering the community to the incident and advising of suitable alternate health care options.
 - Patient and staff safety remains the highest priority.

- Immediate actions taken, or that are being undertaken, in relation to business continuity for clinical service delivery, as at 17:12 on 7 December 2022, include:

Elective surgery

- All patients due for surgery (except for one list on Friday, 9 December 2022, which is being addressed currently) have been contacted and advised of either postponement of their surgery or alternative arrangements for Category 1 patients. This work will continue.
- Category 1 patients are the surgical priority at this time and those patients are being scheduled in Calvary ACT's private hospitals.
- An urgent meeting between ACTHD, CPHB and Canberra Health Services has been organised for 11.00am on Thursday, 8 December 2022, to discuss territory wide elective surgery strategies and support.

Emergency Department

- The CPHB ED is now operating normally, noting absence of emergency surgery capability however, as CPHB do not receive trauma patients, that surgical demand does not exist.
- Patients presenting to the ED requiring emergency surgery will be stabilised before an inter-hospital transfer is affected.
- In consultation with Canberra Health Services (CHS), Chief Operating Officer, it is understood that at the same time of the fire, CHS saw a total of ~280 presentations, which is inline with expectations, however an unusual peak occurred early in the afternoon which created long waits for patients.

Maternity

- CPHB birth suite remains on bypass until an appropriate surgery solution for urgent C-sections is implemented. Maternity patients are referred to CHS and CPHB is taking postnatal patients back from CHS to increase bed availability for birthing women at CHS.
- Elective C-sections already planned are being managed at Calvary John James Hospital at this time.
- Numerous options are being considered including a dedicated theatre space at Calvary Bruce Private Hospital with the patient being attended by medical, nursing and midwifery staff from CPHB however this is not yet confirmed.

Inpatients

- All other CPHB inpatients are being managed as normal.
- ACTHD will provide you with further advice as it becomes available, and following the joint meeting between ACTHD, CPHB and CHS.

Contact Officer: Kate Chambers, A/g EGM HSPE
Contact Number: [REDACTED]
Date: 08 December 2022

Noted/Please Discuss

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Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA
Minister for Health
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