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Bankstown patients to benefit from 24/7 Emergency Surgical Services

Patients at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital will benefit from access to new 24-hour, seven day a week emergency surgical services from today.

The enhancement to the existing peri-operative service at the Hospital includes an additional 10 staff to support the service around the clock, allowing patients to be treated for emergency surgery in more efficient timeframes than ever before at the Hospital.

Minister for Health and Medical Research Jillian Skinner came to visit the new staff and patients at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital today.

A/General Manager Bankstown Hospital Carol Farmer said the enhancement to the services would improve operating theatre times.

“Peri-operative services play a vital role in the delivery of emergency healthcare and these improvements mean patients at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital will be treated quicker and within recommended timeframes, at any time of the day,” Ms Farmer said.

“The additional rostered on-site staff to support the 24/7 peri-operative service, including nursing, operating theatre, and cleaning staff would enable an even more prompt response than currently available.

“This has a flow-on effect within the Emergency Department, it means added resources will allow staff to assist in treating additional emergency cases,” she said.

“Emergency patients are able to have more streamlined access to operating theatres, and a more timely flow-on to follow up services, as well.”

Ms Farmer said the addition is also a win for staff.

“Twenty-four hour rosters means staff will be able to plan their work/life balance, rather than be on call.

“This all assists in better and improved healthcare for patients who will benefit from an efficient use of operating theatre times with allocated resources.”

Ms Farmer said the enhancement to services would improve Hospital targets.

“Because of the round-the-clock care patients can receive surgery immediately rather than potentially have to wait overnight,” she said.