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## New Discharge Transit Unit for patients

Patients discharged from Campbelltown Hospital now have a more comfortable place to rest while they wait for their family to pick them up, with the opening of a new Discharge Transit Unit as part of the \$134 million redevelopment of Campbelltown Hospital.

The Unit can accommodate up to eleven patients, with three beds and eight recliner chairs and is staffed by nurses who can provide ongoing care and medication support.

The Unit features amenities including a large bathroom, televisions and tea and coffee making facilities.

Campbelltown and Camden Hospitals General Manager, Lynne Bickerstaff said around 30 patients passed through the previous unit every week, while the new Unit is now seeing around 80 patients each week.

“Our original discharge lounge could accommodate up to seven patients at the one time, so it’s great that we’re now able to provide this service to more patients,” Ms Bickerstaff said.

“As well as benefiting patients leaving hospital, it also frees up beds in the wards allowing for quicker admission times.

“We’ve received positive feedback from families. They take comfort knowing that their loved one is being looked after while they make their way to pick them up,” she said.

The new lounge is also conveniently located near the day surgery entrance on the ground floor, which means that families can park close by.

Discharge Transit Unit Manager Scott McDonnell said staff are enjoying working in the new space.

“While we’re now busier than ever, staff are enjoying the new modern space,” he said.

Lynne Bickerstaff thanked staff, patients and visitors for their ongoing support and understanding while the existing hospital building was being refurbished.

“I’d like to commend staff who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure services keep running while departments move and areas are refurbished,” Ms Bickerstaff said.

“There is excitement around the Hospital as we gradually unveil one refurbished section after the other.

In addition, the new building continues to take shape, which will provide significant additional capacity to service the needs of the growing Macarthur community.” she said.

For more information about the Campbelltown Hospital redevelopment visit:  
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