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Outpatient services get new home

Campbelltown Hospital's new Acute Services Building, the centrepiece of the Hospital's \$134 million Stage 1 Redevelopment, is a hive of activity after a number of outpatient services moved during the holidays.

Acting Campbelltown Hospital General Manager Chris Leahy said after two years of construction it was wonderful to see the new building in use.

"While the Christmas holiday period was a quiet time for many people, here at the Hospital, staff from the clinical information department and outpatient services including ambulatory care, antenatal and allied health were busy moving into the new building," Mr Leahy said.

"The Pathology Laboratory, which relocated last September, is now also providing the blood collection service, so if you're coming to hospital for a blood test it will be on the lower ground floor of the new building," he said.

Mr Leahy said the outpatient services are now conveniently located together, on the ground floor of the new Acute Services Building, within the new Ambulatory Precinct.

"Outpatient and ambulatory care services play an important role in a person's healthcare journey.

"They allow patients who still need follow up treatment, but not an overnight hospital stay, to recover in the comfort of their own home, surrounded by their family.

"As well as ensuring quality care after discharge, it also helps the Hospital free up beds for patients who need to be admitted," he said.

The Ambulatory Precinct will provide around 60,000 occasions of service each year including:

- Allied health – physiotherapy, podiatry, lymphoedema, occupational therapy, speech pathology, dietetics and social work
- Women's health – antenatal outpatients, Early Pregnancy Assessment Service, Foetal Maternal Assessment Unit, Gynaecology
- Outpatients Clinics- including diabetes, hepatitis, clozapine, hypertension, immunology, liver, respiratory, rheumatology
- Ambulatory care – hospital in the home

Refurbishment of departments in the existing Hospital buildings continues with works in the Emergency Department, Maternity and the new Interventional Cardiology Catheterisation Labs currently underway.

The Stage 1 Redevelopment is expected to be complete in late 2015.

For more information on the Hospital's \$134 million redevelopment visit <http://www.swslhd.nsw.gov.au/ccq/redevelopment/default.html>, like the Campbelltown Hospital facebook page or follow us @camphosp on twitter.