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Big plans for Campbelltown Hospital

Planning has commenced for the \$632 million upgrade of Campbelltown Hospital, which will bring world-class health care to the south west community.

Campbelltown and Camden Hospital General Manager Alison Derrett said the funding has come at an important time because the area is experiencing unprecedented growth.

“With so many young families living and relocating to the south west, I’m very pleased the funding will allow us to provide enhanced paediatric services,” said Ms Derrett.

“Having more space for outpatient and ambulatory services will mean specialist clinics can be held in Campbelltown, so children with conditions like severe asthma and epilepsy won’t have to travel to other areas for appointments.

There will be increases in both the volume and level of services being provided at Campbelltown Hospital. This will reduce the need for patients to travel out of the area to access health services.

“There will be more inpatient beds which will allow children to be cared for close to home and additional special care beds will mean babies can be looked after close to where their families live.

“Our busy emergency department will also receive a boost, with an increase in the number of treatment spaces as well as the number of beds in the Emergency Short Stay Unit. This will help the hospital respond to the increasing demand for emergency care.”

Ms Derrett said the funding meant important enhancements can go ahead for both acute and longer term inpatient and community based mental health services. “This will include both specialist services for older people, adolescents and young people as well as additional beds for acute and non-acute adult mental health services,” she said.

Ms Derrett explained there will be an increase in the number of Intensive Care Unit beds allowing patients to be managed at Campbelltown Hospital. “This will reduce the need for transfers because more complex medical and surgical services will be provided locally.

“With millions of dollars being invested locally, this is a really exciting time for the people of Campbelltown and its surrounding suburbs.”

Further enhancements to Campbelltown Hospital will include:

- Diagnostic services – more medical imaging equipment
- Inpatient facilities – increased number of medical, surgical, maternity and neonatal beds in response to additional demand for these services from a growing population
- Ambulatory care facilities – more clinic rooms and other ambulatory spaces mean that patients can access more outpatient services
- Refurbishments – the upgrade of a number of facilities, including adolescent mental health.