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Campbelltown Hospital paediatric patients to benefit from ultrasound donation

Campbelltown Hospital has welcomed the donation of a new ultrasound machine to the hospital's Paediatric Department.

Camden and Campbelltown Hospitals General Manager, Alison Derrett, said the ultrasound machine, donated by Kids of Macarthur Health Foundation, would be very welcome in the Paediatric Ward.

"This is cutting edge technology that will help our paediatricians diagnose complex conditions, particularly conditions related to the heart, chest and abdomen," she said.

"The high quality of the image the new machine will provide will also give clinicians the certainty they need when making decisions in relation to treatment."

Ms Derrett said the hospital was grateful to Kids of Macarthur Health Foundation for its continued support.

"Kids of Macarthur's commitment and dedication to helping Campbelltown Hospital provide safe and high quality care to the community is incredible," she said.

"The new ultrasound machine is just the latest example of the difference the foundation is making for children in Macarthur."

The NSW Government has invested \$632 million in the Stage 2 redevelopment of Campbelltown Hospital.

The number of paediatric beds will be almost tripled from 22 to 60 in the redevelopment, one of the largest health infrastructure projects in the state.

Other enhanced services in the redeveloped paediatric precinct will include:

- Close observation beds will be provided for more seriously ill children, reducing the need to transfer patients to the Sydney Children's Hospital Network.
- Nuclear medicine will be available so children no longer need to visit other hospitals for PET scans and appointments.
- Children suffering seizures or bone infections will receive care locally as bone and brain scans will be available at Campbelltown Hospital, meaning families will no longer need to travel to other hospitals.
- Transition Care Services will ensure seamless care for children who are moving into adult-based care for lifelong medical conditions.
- A brand new rehabilitation outpatient clinic with specialised therapy teams to treat children with disabilities such as cerebral palsy and developmental conditions
- New dental services to treat children with complex dental conditions and infections

- New facilities such as 12 new consulting rooms, eight assessment rooms and a new allied health gymnasium and playroom.

The hospital's emergency department will also be expanded, doubling the number of dedicated beds for children from 12 to 24 paediatric spaces.