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Improvements in emergency care at Campbelltown Hospital

Campbelltown Hospital has achieved improvements in its emergency care despite experiencing a 6.7 per cent increase in ED presentations from April to June.

The latest Bureau of Health Information report reveals 18,119 presentations to ED, while ambulance arrivals were also up 7.4 per cent on last year to 4849.

Campbelltown Hospital General Manager Alison Derrett said of note was the sharp increase in patients presenting to the ED for non-urgent care, up by 361 to 2106.

“I would like to encourage people to only visit the ED in an emergency, especially during busy periods such as when the cooler months set in,” said Ms Derrett.

“We’re always here to help you but to ensure we get to those in urgent need of care as quickly as possible, minor medical issues are best dealt with by a GP.

“Despite this increase in demand across the board, our staff did an outstanding job in treating 83 per cent of patients on time, an improvement of 3.8 per cent.

“Staff also achieved a 3.3 per cent improvement in the number of patients leaving the ED within four hours, up to 62.7 per cent,” she said.

The 2018-19 budget for South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD) is nearly \$1.9 billion, this is an increase of over \$85 million on the 2017-18 annualised budget.

The NSW Government investment of \$632 million for the Campbelltown Hospital redevelopment will see an increase in the number of ED treatment spaces and as well as the number of beds in the emergency short stay unit.