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## Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital welcomes interns of 2022

Dr Charlie Hill is one of more than 1,000 interns now starting their medical careers with NSW Health - a record number of new starters and the most of any state or territory in Australia.

Dr Hill is one of 52 new interns at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital – and among the 129 interns working across South Western Sydney Local Health District. Dr Hill has just started his first rotation in vascular surgery.

“I decided to become a doctor because I felt it would be a very rewarding career to care for people and it would give me the opportunity to challenge myself, learn fascinating things and contribute to the community,” Dr Hill said.

South Western Sydney Local Health District Chief Executive Amanda Larkin said she was proud to welcome the interns to the region’s public hospitals and wished them well in their rewarding careers.

“It is an absolute pleasure to see these new interns officially join the ranks at South West Sydney Local Health District. We owe a great deal of thanks to these junior doctors, many of whom have already worked either as Assistants in Medicine or student vaccinators as part of the COVID-19 workforce response,” Ms Larkin said.

“They will continue to play a vital role in our District’s hospitals as we navigate the challenges of this unprecedented, world-wide pandemic.”

The new doctors starting their internship are entering a training program with networked hospitals throughout the state, providing formal and on-the-job training.

They receive two-year contracts to rotate between metropolitan, regional and rural hospitals to ensure the diversity of their experience. They also join different units in each hospital, including surgery and emergency medicine.

Interns are medical graduates who have completed their medical degree and are required to complete a supervised year of practice in order to become independent practitioners.

More information on the recruitment of JMOs can be found here:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/jmo/Pages/default.aspx>