



HEALTH & MEDICAL SERVICES FACT SHEET

As a result of the community concerns in relation to Health and Medical Services available at and from the York District Hospital the following information is offered:

YORK DISTRICT HOSPITAL

- People attending the Hospital at any time with a medical emergency will be attended to by qualified staff accredited for emergency treatment.
- Emergency Department staff will soon have access to audio visual technology for offsite medical support from Northam Regional Hospital or the Perth Teaching Hospitals.
- Patients can be admitted to and be medically managed by their Doctor with the support of qualified nursing staff.
- 24 hour/7 day emergency treatment is in place at the Hospital.
- Patients provided with emergency treatment at the Hospital will have the details supplied to the York Medical Centre for next day or follow up treatment.

Note: Patients must make their own appointments as the Hospital does not provide this service. York Medical Centre has reserved appointment places for this service.

- Patients attending the Hospital during the Medical Centre hours may be referred to a Doctor if the matter is assessed as urgent or semi-urgent.
- There is no proposal for the closure of or reduction of health services at the York District Hospital and every effort is being made to upgrade services and facilities.

YORK MEDICAL CENTRE

- York Medical Centre operates with five full time and part time Doctors and other qualified and accredited support staff.
- York Medical Centre operates five days per week with extended hours on two days (Monday and Tuesdays).
- Emergency treatment can be provided at the Medical Centre.
- York Medical Centre will and does provide priority treatment for patients initially treated/assessed at York District Hospital.

ON CALL SERVICES

- It is not practical or realistic for Doctors in a busy medical practice to also provide an extensive on-call service outside of surgery hours.
- General Practitioners are not necessarily qualified or accredited in Hospital Emergency Department processes and procedures.
- Local Doctors provide a very valuable medical service to the community through the York Medical Centre which should not be reduced by on-call service demands or expectations.
- Doctors and their families are also Community members entitled to a reasonable lifestyle not controlled by call demands.

Note: Doctors at the York Medical Centre are not Health Department employees.

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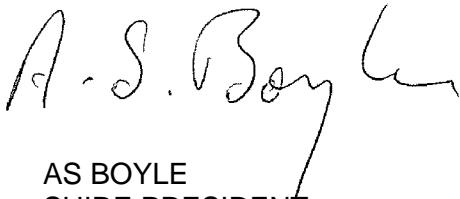
- The Shire is not an employer of any staff or service providers at either the York District Hospital or the York Medical Centre.
- The Shire on behalf of the community provides two (2) houses and two (2) vehicles under a 2000 agreement as an incentive for the service provider (IPN Pty Ltd) to provide medical coverage at the York District Hospital.

With the changed circumstances on Health and Medical Services this funding support agreement will be re-negotiated based on maintaining the highest level of medical service to the community.

THE WAY FORWARD

A Health Focus Group will be established and have its first meeting on Wednesday, 21st December, 2011 to consider issues such as emergency treatment, transfers in emergencies, in hospital services and other related matters.

A Public Meeting has been called for 5.00pm on Monday, 19th December, 2011 in the York Town Hall to answer any remaining queries on Health Services at or through the York District Hospital.



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