



Rehabilitation treatment for forensic mental health consumers will soon be available in a new, purpose-built facility for Sydney Local Health District, as part of the NSW Government's statewide investment in mental health.

Located adjacent to Concord Hospital as part of the Concord Centre for Mental Health and expanding on its existing mental health services, the new facility will provide low and medium secure mental health beds.

A partnership between Health Infrastructure and Sydney Local Health District, the facility will complement the \$341.2 million redevelopment of Concord Hospital and \$32.4 million multi-storey car park currently under construction.

Forensic mental health is a specialist area of the mental health system that provides assessment, care and treatment to people with mental illness who have been in contact with the criminal justice system.

It is important that Burudyara provides consumers and staff an environment in which they feel safe so they are able to participate purposefully in therapeutic activities. For this reason, the security of the facility is of utmost importance, and leave or community access will be appropriately regulated.

Part of the NSW Government's \$700 million State-wide Mental Health Infrastructure Program, construction of the facility is expected to start in early 2024 and is due for completion by late 2025.

## Community pop-up sessions

Health Infrastructure, together with Sydney Local Health District, hosted community information sessions to showcase the proposed designs for the Burudyara Forensic Rehabilitation Unit at Concord Centre for Mental Health.

Community and staff were invited to attend one of the pop-ups in early September 2023 to find out more about the new facility and have a chance to speak with the team. The community was also encouraged to send feedback to the project team via the project email or website.

Community consultation is an important aspect of the Concord Centre for Mental Health as it will help inform the planning and design of the facility. We look forward to keeping the community updated as the project progresses.

## Our commitment to engagement

Engaging with consumers, carers, staff and communities means we gain diverse perspectives that help us to co-design projects that improve consumer outcomes.

The Burudyara Forensic Rehabilitation Unit has been co-designed with consumers who have lived experience of mental health facilities, to ensure it meets the needs of the community who will access the service.

We continue to work closely with staff, consumers and the community to share project information, updates and ask for feedback. For more information please visit the [Concord Hospital website](#) or email [SLHDConcordRedevelopment@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:SLHDConcordRedevelopment@health.nsw.gov.au)

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## Consultation feedback

During the consultation, the project team received a range of feedback. The staff and community sentiment was positive, with key feedback themes based around the operations of the facility once opened.

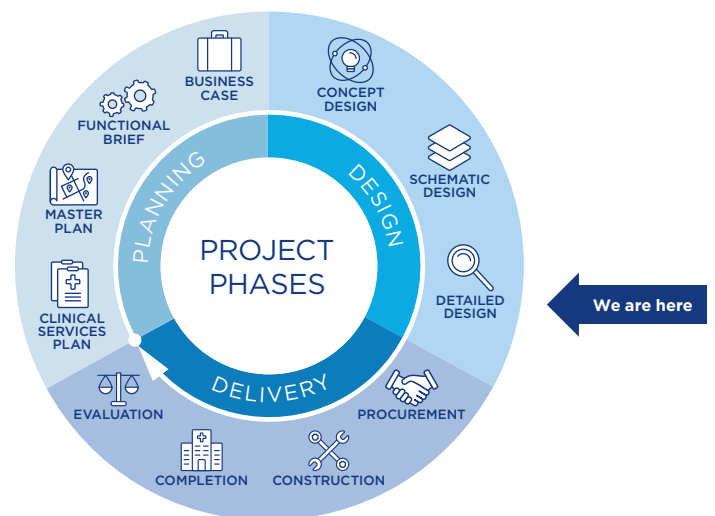
Here's what was asked:

HERE'S WHAT YOU TOLD US	RESPONSE
<b>What is forensic mental health?</b>	Forensic mental health is a specialist area of the mental health system that provides assessment, treatment and rehabilitation to people with a mental illness that have come in contact with the justice system.
<b>When will construction start?</b>	Construction of the new facility is expected to start in early 2024 and is due for completion by late 2025.
<b>How many beds will the new facility have?</b>	The new, modern facility will have 42 beds including 18 medium secure beds and 24 low secure beds. The facility will cater for both male and female patients.
<b>What is the cost of the project?</b>	The Concord Forensic Mental Health project is funded as part of the NSW Government's \$700 million Statewide Mental Health Infrastructure Program.
<b>Will there be a loss of parking spaces?</b>	The new facility will require the removal of some car spaces however the project will be supported by the new multi-storey car park currently under construction at Concord Hospital.  The five-level multi-storey carpark is being delivered as part of the \$32.4 million carpark project at Concord Hospital and will provide more than 550 new spaces for patients, staff and visitors. The on-grade car park, providing 300 parking spaces for staff, was completed in June 2023.
<b>Is the facility located on the hospital campus?</b>	The facility will be inside the current Concord Centre for Mental Health. It was important during planning to select a safe and secure location which had natural surroundings to help support consumer recovery.
<b>Can any member of the public visit the facility?</b>	As with all mental health facilities there are security considerations to ensure the safety of the community and consumers. The building will have a reception area and control points that will screen people entering and exiting the building.
<b>How can I contact you with further questions, queries and feedback?</b>	Contact the project team on the project website or via email <a href="mailto:SLHDConcordRedevelopment@health.nsw.gov.au">SLHDConcordRedevelopment@health.nsw.gov.au</a>
<b>How do we access information about the facility?</b>	Project information can be found on the Concord Hospital Redevelopment project website at <a href="https://concordredevelopment.health.nsw.gov.au">concordredevelopment.health.nsw.gov.au</a>

## Where to next?

The project is currently in the detailed design phase, the final design stage before moving into main works construction. The project is preparing to procure the main works contractor in readiness for construction to commence.

The detailed design is department-focused and focuses on room inclusions such as furnishing, fittings, equipment and information and communication technology. Health Infrastructure has worked closely with hospital management teams, staff and patient representatives, taking on feedback to ensure the new facility operates efficiently and continues to provide world-class healthcare to the community.



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