



Dear colleagues

From 9am on Thursday 6 February, there will be some changes to orthopaedic services at Redcliffe Hospital due to workforce shortages.

These changes are necessary to meet patient care needs and support patient safety.

During this time, we will partner with other Metro North facilities to manage orthopaedic patients within our catchment area.

### **What is changing?**

The following agreed interim arrangement will apply from 9am tomorrow until further notice.

- Acute adult orthopaedic patients from Caboolture and Kilcoy hospitals will be diverted to the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital.
- Some outpatient referrals for fractures to be diverted by the Streaming Outpatient Referrals Team.

### **What's not changing?**

- We will continue to provide lifesaving care and patients will be transferred to another facility if clinically appropriate and required.
- Paediatric pathways will continue as per current arrangements.
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients will continue to be offered care at the facility closest to where they reside, including Redcliffe Hospital.

### **More information**

If you have any questions, please speak to your line manager in the first instance.

Thank you all for your cooperation and support as we manage these temporary changes to our services.

Kind Regards

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Executive Director,  
Redcliffe Hospital

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