

Memorandum

To: Senior Leadership Group
From: Ken Atwell – Acting Director, Digital Health
Date: 24th November 2022
Subject: EMR Phase 2.1 Power and Data Assessment

The 2023 EMR Phase 2.1 implementation will connect new technology to the Western Health network, including many new devices. To assist with planning for this expansion, the Digital Health Technology Team will soon conduct an assessment of the power and data coverage across the Western Health areas receiving new devices in preparation for the EMR Phase 2.1 functionality.

The assessments will commence on Wednesday 30th November and continue over three weeks, as outlined below:

- Footscray Hospital: from Wednesday 30th November
- Williamstown and Sunbury Hospitals: from Wednesday 7th December
- Sunshine Hospital including Joan Kirner Women's and Children's: from Wednesday 14th December

The assessment will be conducted by a small Western Health team who will ensure the power and data requirements are suitable for the devices planned for that area. These teams will make the assessment and exit in a timely manner. All of those undertaking the assessment will wear N95 masks and eye protection, and practise hand hygiene when entering and exiting each area. Staff will not attend if ill or symptomatic.

There is nothing required from Western Health staff on the day of the assessment, other than allowing access to the wards and rooms. The health and safety of Western Health clinicians and patients will be a priority at all times.

The assessment will take place during normal business hours, Monday to Friday, however we are unable to give an exact time that each unit will be visited at this stage. The Digital Health Technology Team have already been liaising with areas involved and will notify each area as the timing of the visits is established. We would be grateful for your support in notifying staff in your areas that this will be occurring soon.

If you have any queries regarding this assessment, please contact Digital Health Technology Lead, Emerson Cambaya – Emerson.Cambaya@wh.org.au.

Kind regards

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