



Bethesda Hospital

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Dr David Worth
Principal Research Officer
Education and Health Standing Committee
Parliament House
Perth WA 6000

Dear Dr Worth

Hospital and Community Health Care Services

In response to the letter dated 20th May 2009 regarding inquiry into Hospital and Community health Care Services I offer the following information relating to Bethesda Private Hospital, Claremont, Perth.

Total Number of patient beds in our facility - 68 overnight beds / 20 Day Surgery beds

- The Surgical Ward has 35 beds including a Special Nursing Unit with 4 beds.
- The Medical Ward has 20 beds.
- The Palliative Care Unit (*located within Medical Ward*) has 13 beds (*10 public and 3 private*)
- The Day Procedure Unit – a day surgery and endoscopy unit operates Mon – Fri and on an on-call basis. The Endoscopy Service operates on an open access 24 hour basis.
- Operating Suite department provides 24 hour comprehensive operating service for the Hospital. It has 6 theatres all with set up rooms, 12 bays Post Anaesthetic Care unit and 5 holding bays.

Total Number of Staff – 316 (includes F/T, P/T, Casual)

Specialist Health Services provided:

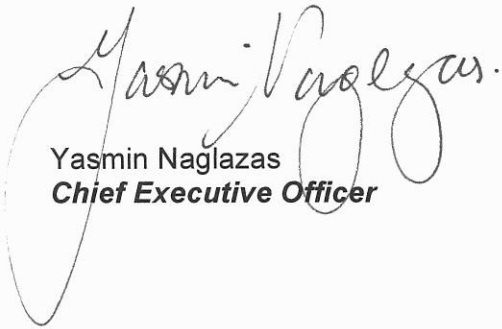
- Surgical specialties:
 - gynaecology
 - plastic surgery
 - orthopaedics
 - general surgery
 - urology
 - ophthalmology
- Consulting Suites provide a number of medical consulting rooms which are occupied both on a permanent and sessional basis providing a wide range of medical specialties.
- Chaplaincy Service – provide 24 hour pastoral support for patients and their families.

Specialist Health Services provided: (cont'd)

- Contract Imaging – Perth Radiology provides 24 hour on call service (*x-ray, ultrasound, mammography & bone density, CT*)
- Contract Pathology – Western Diagnostics – provides 24 hr pathology collection service
- Contract pharmacy – Stirling Drive-In Pharmacy
- Fertility Specialists WA is an independent body that operates from within the Bethesda building.

I hope this information is sufficient to complete your inquiry. For further information or comment please contact Kath McKechnie, Learning & Development Coordinator on 9340 6354.

Yours sincerely



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