

**SWSLHD**  
**Clinical Stream Development Priorities**  
**Critical Care Clinical Stream**  
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*Leading care, healthier communities*



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## Overview of Critical Care Clinical Stream in SWSLHD

The Critical Care Stream is a vital part of the District's clinical services, frequently providing care for our patients at their most vulnerable moments. This is seen across the spectrum of the stream from Emergency to Intensive Care, Anaesthetics and Pain services. The Critical Care Clinical Stream also supports the SWSLHD Organ and Tissue Donation Service and Sexual Assault Forensic Medical Service. The Critical Care Clinical Stream is also developing a Toxicology specialty in collaboration with Campbelltown and Liverpool hospitals, Mental Health Services and Drug Health.

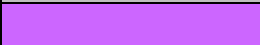






The Critical Care Stream plays an integral role in the management of the acutely unwell patient and is available to respond urgently around the clock, every day of the year. This is at the heart of our challenges to develop capacity and manage the interface with the rest of the hospital.

The need to develop capacity is reflected in the ability to provide timely care around the clock and respond to the inevitable surges in demand. Capacity is determined by a combination of physical treatment spaces, staffing and models of care that support efficiency. It has significant overlap with the rest of the hospital. Each unit needs to be able to meet its front door demand and needs to be able to network together to meet shared needs.

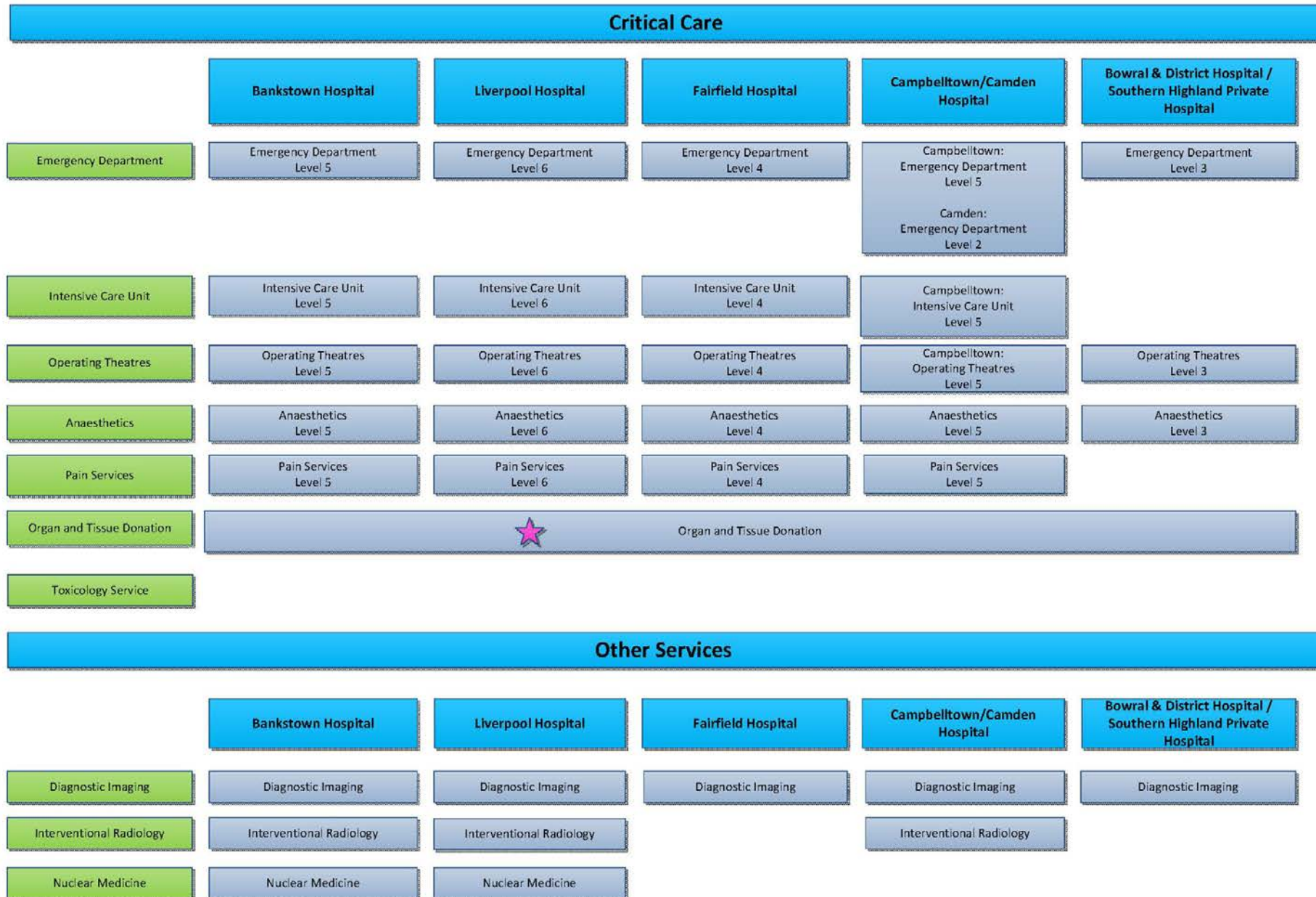
All of the Critical Care services are dependent on their interface with the rest of the hospital. One of the most significant challenges of these services is the elimination of queues for access to, and exit from, our Critical Care services. This is influenced by the whole of hospital flows and the particular challenge of coordinating the 24/7 services in Critical Care to other hospital units which revert to skeleton staffing out of 'normal hours'. Delays to theatre, access block in Emergency, and access and exit block to and from ICU represent some of the most vexing issues our health service faces.

As demonstrated in the service maps below, redevelopment in a number of sites up to 2026 will have significant impacts on the structure and network of Critical Care Services in the LHD due to changes in the role of the facilities in the District.

### Service Map Key

Key	Description
	Developing service
	Partial service
	State-wide service provision
	Lead service or Centre of Excellence
	Networked service i.e. linked to "lead" service
	Single service which provides services across the LHD
	Hub and Spoke clinic provided

## Service Map – Critical Care Clinical Stream – Current



## SWSLHD Strategic Directions

	<p><b>Safe, Quality Care</b></p>		<p><b>A Healthy Community</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consistently safe</li> <li>• Outstanding quality</li> <li>• Appropriate, timely care</li> <li>• Evidence based and patient-centred care</li> <li>• Cultural safety</li> <li>• Accountability and governance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthy people and communities</li> <li>• Safe, healthy environments</li> <li>• Knowing the needs of the community</li> <li>• Prevention and early intervention</li> </ul>		
	<p><b>Collaborative Partnerships</b></p>		<p><b>A Healthcare System for the Future</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consumer, patient and carer involvement</li> <li>• Genuine engagement and communication</li> <li>• Strategic partnerships</li> <li>• Funding opportunities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building and adapting for the future</li> <li>• Networked and integrated services</li> <li>• Agile and innovative care</li> <li>• Responsive to community diversity</li> </ul>		
	<p><b>Our People Make a Difference</b></p>		<p><b>A Leader In Research and Teaching</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workforce for the future</li> <li>• Culture of respect and compassion</li> <li>• Employer of choice</li> <li>• Effective leadership and empowered staff</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivering research innovation</li> <li>• Acknowledgement and recognition of research</li> <li>• Continuous education, teaching and training</li> </ul>		

## Priority Developments for Critical Care Clinical Stream

Priority Service Developments (include in priority order)	Linkage with Clinical Service Plans
1. ED Workforce Initiative	Macarthur Clinical Services Plan Liverpool Clinical Services Plan
2. Bowral Critical Care Model of Care	Bowral and District Clinical Services Plan
3. Enhancement of Pain Services - Campbelltown Hospital	Macarthur Clinical Services Plan
4. Intensive Care – workforce enhancements with a focus on providing clinical support and consultancy to ICUs across the District with an emphasis on the smaller sites.	Macarthur Clinical Services Plan Liverpool Clinical Services Plan
5. Develop Toxicology Service – located at Campbelltown	Macarthur Clinical Services Plan



## Service Map – Critical Care Clinical Stream – Future (2026)

