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Com Packs launched at Canterbury Hospital

The Sydney Local Health District has expanded its Com Packs program to Canterbury Hospital.

Com Packs is a non-clinical coordinated package of community care providing services such as meal preparation, domestic assistance, personal care, respite care, transport and social support.

To celebrate the start of the program there will be a display at the foyer of Canterbury Hospital today.

Staff and patients are encouraged to visit the balloon-decorated display with lollies and cupcakes on offer as well as information about the program.

Com Packs Team Leader Karyn Porigneaux said it was fantastic that the Com Packs program managed by the SLHD would now be available to the people of Canterbury and district.

“The Com Packs Program was developed to facilitate the safe and early discharge of eligible patients from hospital by providing up to six weeks of case management and low level community support services,” Ms Porigneaux said.

“Currently available at Royal Prince Alfred, Concord and Balmain hospitals – expanding the program to Canterbury will allow more patients to gain independence and prevent re-admission to hospital.”

Com Packs staff will be at the display to talk to staff and patients about eligibility, access to the program and services available.

“We encourage staff and patients to visit our display and talk to one of our friendly team members. We’ll be wearing royal blue polo shirts advertising the 1800COMPAK (1800 266 725) intake number,” Ms Porigneaux said.

About Com Packs

Com Packs is a non-clinical coordinated package of community care providing services such as meal preparation, domestic assistance, personal care, respite care, transport and social support. Hospital staff including doctors, nursing staff, social workers, occupational therapists and physiotherapists identify patients eligible for the program. The program is funded by the NSW Ministry of Health and provided through Local Health Districts.

For more information, or to attend the display, please contact Caline Haddad from the Sydney Local Health District at sydneymedia@sswhs.nsw.gov.au or (02) 9515 9607.