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Good morning,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide updates to the Committee:

There has been no change to the costs of pharmacy medication and Sustagen food (all food must be ordered by prescription and paid before being delivered direct to patients).

Shortage of Social Workers :

- Lots of Social Worker vacancies due to funding not being improved.
- Social Workers find it hard to see all the patients in the time allocated.

Transport:

Transport for NSW are holding a Forum in Orange on 31st October 2024 to address Bullet/s trains daily return trips from Sydney to Orange.

I have been advised that Patient transport system in Orange is well established providers such as The Cancer Council, Community Transport day trips to Sydney, Nursing homes and other agencies.

Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme - changes

- Name of both the referring GP and specialist can simply be written into the forms no need to be signed by practitioners.
- NSW Government have issued an information sheet online and flyers to help patient apply for assistance.

Thank you,

Kind regards

Helen Goodacre
President
Can Assist Orange Branch