

LGH heating and cooling fix and how it affects your care

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THE Department of Health and Calvary Health Care have agreed to relocate the Rehabilitation Ward (3R) from the Launceston General Hospital (LGH) to the Calvary St Luke's campus in Launceston. Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Bridget Archer said the Tasmanian government is working to address long-standing heating and cooling issues at the LGH.

The first eight upgraded

patient rooms on Ward 40 will be commissioned in November 2025, with two more patient rooms scheduled for completion in early 2026, and the remaining 10 patient rooms by mid-2026.

Work inside D Block will proceed floor by floor.

Mrs Archer said due to the disruptive nature of the work, patients, staff, and equipment must be relocated before work can commence on each floor.

Minister Archer said the vacated ward at the LGH will be used as a temporary home

for other wards in D Block to operate from while the works are being carried out.

"Delivering these types of critical system upgrades within a working hospital is a highly complex task," Mrs Archer said. "As a result, the upgrades are being carefully staged and sequenced to minimise disruption to clinical services and maintain continuity of care.

"While work progresses over the warmer months, interim measures have already been implemented, including the installation of

sun-blocking blinds and the replacement of window tinting and window seals."

Internal works to install ducted air conditioning in D Block patient rooms are scheduled to start on October 21, beginning in Ward 6D. Works in Ward 6D are expected to be completed in February 2026, with the remaining three floors in D Block to follow. As works on each floor are completed, the new system will be commissioned, and benefits will be felt immediately in those areas.



The Launceston General Hospital entrance. File picture by Paul Scambler