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Dear <First Name> <Last Name>,

Your feedback will help improve healthcare services for Aboriginal people

We invite you to complete a questionnaire about your most recent admission to [Hospital name] during [Month]. You were selected to complete the questionnaire as your hospital record identified you as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person.

The Bureau of Health Information and Centre for Aboriginal Health are working together to collect and report on the experiences of care for Aboriginal patients who receive healthcare services in NSW. This year, we have added questions that are important to Aboriginal patients. We have also included a set of questions about elective or planned surgery, as hospital records show you underwent an operation or procedure during this hospital stay.

Your feedback will help us improve healthcare experiences and outcomes for Aboriginal people across NSW. Any information you provide will be treated confidentially, and the healthcare staff who cared for you will not be able to see your responses.

It is also easy to take part using your smartphone, tablet or computer:

The diagram illustrates the process of taking part in the survey. It starts with 'Scan the QR code' or 'Or go to survey.ipsos.com.au/patientsurvey'. This is followed by 'Then' and two input fields: 'Enter your username' with the placeholder '[INS_UNAME]' and 'Enter your password' with the placeholder '[INS_PASSWORD]'. An illustration of a smartphone, tablet, and laptop is shown between the 'Or' and 'Then' steps.

If you have any questions or need help filling in the questionnaire, please contact the toll-free Patient Survey Helpline on 1800 220 936 (Monday to Friday, 9am–8pm), or email your questions to NSWPatientSurvey@ipsos.com

For more information about patient experience across hospitals in NSW, including results from previous surveys, visit bhi.nsw.gov.au

Thank you for taking the time to help improve NSW Health services.

Yours sincerely

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COMPLETING THE PAPER QUESTIONNAIRE

If you complete the paper questionnaire, please use a blue or black pen to mark clearly in the box next to your answer.

Sometimes response options have a 'Go to...' instruction which directs you to skip any questions that do not apply to you:

Q68 Did you receive support, or the offer of support, from an Aboriginal health worker while you were in hospital?

- Yes
 No Go to Q70
 Don't know/can't remember Go to Q70

If you make a mistake or wish to change a response, simply fill in the box and mark in the correct box:

Q36 At the time you were discharged, did you feel that you were well enough to leave hospital?

- Yes
 No

If someone is helping you to complete the questionnaire, please ensure the answers are from your point of view, and not the opinion of the person helping you.

To return the paper questionnaire, place the completed copy in the enclosed reply paid envelope.

PRIVACY INFORMATION

Your privacy is protected by legislation

The Bureau of Health Information (BHI) works with Ipsos Public Affairs Ltd to manage the NSW Patient Survey Program on behalf of NSW Health. Your name and address are provided to Ipsos for the purpose of sending you this questionnaire only. Ipsos will keep your personal information confidential.

Your questionnaire responses will be treated in the strictest confidence. BHI will receive your questionnaire responses in a form that is identifiable, but your name, address and contact details are not provided to BHI to ensure your confidentiality is protected at all times.

BHI will not report any results that may identify you as an individual. Your questionnaire responses will not be accessible to the healthcare staff who cared for you.

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When completing this questionnaire, please think about your experiences of care at the hospital named, in the month shown, in the covering letter. If you had more than one admission in that month, to the hospital named in the letter, please refer to the most recent admission. You were selected to complete the questionnaire as your hospital record identified you as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person. Your feedback will help us improve healthcare experiences and outcomes for Aboriginal people across NSW.

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For each question, please mark clearly in the box next to the answer you choose using a blue or black pen. Don't worry if you make a mistake; simply fill in the box and mark in the correct box.

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ARRIVAL

For the questions in this section, please think about when you first arrived at the hospital and all the staff you met, including receptionists, nurses and others.

Q1 Were the staff you met on your arrival to hospital polite and welcoming?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No
- Don't know/can't remember

Q2 How well organised was the admission process?

- Very well organised
- Fairly well organised
- Not well organised
- Not applicable

THE HOSPITAL ENVIRONMENT

For the questions in this section, please think about your experiences of the hospital environment during your stay.

Q3 How clean were the areas of the hospital you used during your stay?

- Very clean
- Fairly clean
- Not very clean
- Not at all clean

Q4 How would you rate the food you were served while in hospital?

- Very good
- Good
- Neither good nor poor
- Poor
- Very poor
- I wasn't served any hospital food

Q5

Were you given enough privacy during your stay at the hospital?

- Yes, always
- Yes, sometimes
- No

Q6

Did you stay for one or more nights in a room or ward which was only for patients of the same gender as you?

- Yes, always
- Yes, sometimes
- No
- I didn't stay overnight
- I stayed in a single room

HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

For the questions in this section, please think about all the health professionals who treated or examined you at the hospital. This may include doctors, nurses, allied health (e.g. physiotherapists) and others.

Q7

Did the health professionals who treated you introduce themselves to you?

- Yes, all of them
- Some of them
- Very few or none of them
- Don't know/can't remember

Q8

Did the health professionals ask your name or check your identification band before giving you any medications, treatments or tests?

- Yes, always
- Yes, sometimes
- No
- Don't know/can't remember
- Not applicable

Q9

Did you have enough time to discuss your health or medical problem with the health professionals?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No
- Don't know/can't remember

Q10

Did the health professionals explain things in a way you could understand?

- Yes, always
- Yes, sometimes
- No

Q11

Did you have confidence and trust in the health professionals treating you?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No

Q12

Were the health professionals kind and caring towards you?

- Yes, always
- Yes, sometimes
- No

Q13

Overall, how would you rate the doctors who treated you?

- Very good
- Good
- Neither good nor poor
- Poor
- Very poor

Q14

Overall, how would you rate the nurses who treated you?

- Very good
- Good
- Neither good nor poor
- Poor
- Very poor

CARE AND TREATMENT

For the questions in this section, please think about the care and treatment you received while in hospital.

Q15 During your stay in hospital, how much information about your condition or treatment was given to you?

- Not enough
- The right amount
- Too much
- Not applicable

Q16 How much information about your condition or treatment was given to your family, carer or someone close to you?

- Not enough
- The right amount
- Too much
- Don't know/can't remember
- Not applicable

Q17 Did you ever receive contradictory information about your condition or treatment from the health professionals?

- Yes
- No

Q18 In your opinion, did the health professionals who treated you know enough about your care and treatment?

- Yes, always
- Yes, sometimes
- No

Q19 Did the health professionals give you the support you needed to help with any worries or fears related to your care and treatment?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No
- I didn't have any worries or fears

Q20 Were you involved, as much as you wanted to be, in decisions about your care and treatment?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No
- I didn't want or need to be involved

Q21 When the health professionals spoke about your care in front of you, were you included in the conversation?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No
- Not applicable

Q22 Did the health professionals listen carefully to any views or concerns you had?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No
- I didn't have any views or concerns

Q23 How would you rate how well the health professionals worked together as a team?

- Very good
- Good
- Neither good nor poor
- Poor
- Very poor

Q24 Were you treated with respect and dignity while in hospital?

- Yes, always
- Yes, sometimes
- No

Q25

Were your cultural or religious beliefs respected by the hospital staff?

- Yes, always
- Yes, sometimes
- No
- Not applicable

Q26

If you needed help with personal care (e.g. eating and drinking, moving around or going to the bathroom), did hospital staff help you within a reasonable timeframe?

- Yes, always
- Yes, sometimes
- No
- I didn't need help with personal care

Q27

Were you ever in any pain while in hospital?

- Yes
- No Go to Q29

Q28

Do you think the health professionals did everything they could to help manage your pain?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No

Q29

Did the health professionals explain what would happen during your tests, operations or procedures in a way you could understand?

- Yes, always
- Yes, sometimes
- No
- Don't know/can't remember
- Not applicable

Q30

Did the health professionals explain the results or outcomes of your tests, operations or procedures in a way you could understand?

- Yes, always
- Yes, sometimes
- No
- Don't know/can't remember
- Not applicable

PROBLEMS AND COMPLICATIONS

For the questions in this section, please think about any problem or clinical complication that you may have experienced related to your care and treatment.

Q31

During your hospital stay or soon after, did you experience any problem related to your care and treatment?

- Yes
- No Go to Q35

Q32

Was the impact of this problem...?

- Very serious
- Fairly serious
- Not very serious
- Not at all serious

Q33

Were the health professionals open with you about this problem?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No
- Not applicable

Q34

Were the health professionals responsive in addressing this problem?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No
- Not applicable

LEAVING HOSPITAL (DISCHARGE)

For the questions in this section, please think about your experiences as you were preparing to leave hospital.

Q35 Did you feel involved in decisions about your discharge from hospital?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No
- I didn't want or need to be involved

Q36 At the time you were discharged, did you feel that you were well enough to leave hospital?

- Yes
- No

Q37 Thinking about when you left hospital, were you given enough information about how to manage your care at home?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No
- Not applicable

Q38 Was your family and home situation taken into account when you were discharged?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No
- Don't know/can't remember
- Not applicable

Q39 Thinking about when you left hospital, were adequate arrangements made for any services you needed (e.g. equipment, home care, community care, follow-up appointments)?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No
- I didn't need any services

Q40 Were you told who to contact if you were worried about your condition or treatment after you left hospital?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know/can't remember

Q41 Were you given or prescribed any new medication to take at home?

- Yes
- No Go to Q43

Q42 Did a health professional in the hospital tell you about medication side effects to watch for?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No

Q43 Did you receive a document summarising your hospital care (e.g. a digital or physical copy of the letter to your GP or a discharge summary)?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know/can't remember

Q44 On the day you left hospital, was your discharge delayed?

- Yes
- No Go to Q46

Q45 Did hospital staff explain the reason for the delay?

- Yes
- No

OVERALL EXPERIENCE

For the questions in this section, please think about your overall experiences of the care provided to you while in hospital.

Q46 Overall, how would you rate the care you received while in hospital?

- Very good
- Good
- Neither good nor poor
- Poor
- Very poor

Q47 How well organised was the care you received in hospital?

- Very well organised
- Fairly well organised
- Not well organised

Q48 If asked about your hospital experience by friends and family, how would you respond?

- I would speak highly of the hospital
- I would neither speak highly nor be critical
- I would be critical of the hospital

Q49 Did the care and treatment received in hospital help you?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No

Q50 In the one month following your discharge, were you re-admitted to any hospital or did you go to an emergency department because of complications related to the care you received?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know/can't remember

Q51 In the three months following your discharge, were you re-admitted to any hospital or did you go to an emergency department because of complications related to the care you received?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know/can't remember

PLANNED SURGERY OR PROCEDURE

The questions in this section have been included because hospital records show that you underwent an elective or planned surgery, operation or procedure during this stay. A planned surgery or procedure is booked in advance after a clinical assessment has been completed by a specialist doctor.

Q52 Did you have a planned surgery or procedure during this hospital stay?

- Yes, I had an elective or planned surgery (e.g. cataract extraction or knee replacement)
- Yes, I had a planned procedure (e.g. scope)
- No Go to Q65

Q53 Did the specialist doctor explain the possible risks and benefits of your planned surgery or procedure in a way you could understand?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No
- Don't know/can't remember

Q54 When making decisions about your planned surgery or procedure, did a health professional at the hospital inform you about different treatment options?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No
- Not applicable

Q55 Did you feel confident you were making an informed decision to have your planned surgery or procedure?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No
- Don't know/can't remember

For the following questions, please think about your experience while waiting for your planned surgery or procedure.

Q56 Thinking back to when you first tried to book an appointment with a specialist doctor, how long did you have to wait to see that specialist?

- Less than 30 days
- 31 to 90 days
- 91 to 365 days
- I waited longer than 1 year
- Don't know/can't remember

Q57 From the time a specialist doctor said you needed the planned surgery or procedure, how long did you have to wait to be admitted to hospital?

- Less than 30 days
- 31 to 90 days
- 91 to 365 days
- I waited longer than 1 year
- Don't know/can't remember

Q58 Do you think the amount of time you waited, from the time a specialist doctor said you needed to be admitted to hospital, was...?

- About right
- Slightly too long
- Much too long
- Don't know/can't remember

Q59 Once your planned surgery or procedure was booked, did the hospital ever delay or reschedule your planned surgery or procedure?

- Yes, once
- Yes, multiple times
- No
- Don't know/can't remember

Q60 While you were waiting for your planned surgery or procedure, did your symptoms or condition...?

- Get much better
- Get a little better
- Stay about the same
- Get a little worse
- Get much worse
- Don't know/can't remember

Q61 While you were waiting for your planned surgery or procedure, did a health professional (from the hospital, or your general practitioner) monitor your symptoms or condition?

- Yes
- No, but I would have liked them to check
- No, but I did not need them to check
- Don't know/can't remember

Q62 Did your family, carer or someone close to you receive enough information about your planned surgery or procedure and what to expect?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No
- Don't know/can't remember
- Not applicable

With the benefit of hindsight and all you have experienced since having your planned surgery or procedure, for the following questions, please tell us your views at the time of completing this questionnaire.

Q63 Looking back, did the health professionals at the hospital prepare you for what to expect in the weeks and months after your planned surgery or procedure?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No
- Don't know/can't remember

Q64 After you left the hospital and went home, were the health professionals you saw in your community (such as your general practitioner) up-to-date about the care you received in the hospital?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No
- Don't know/can't remember
- Not applicable

YOUR EXPERIENCE AS AN ABORIGINAL PATIENT

The questions in this section were identified to be important to Aboriginal patients. Your feedback will help us improve hospital experiences and outcomes for Aboriginal people.

- Q65** Are you of Aboriginal origin, Torres Strait Islander origin, or both?
- Yes, Aboriginal
 - Yes, Torres Strait Islander
 - Yes, both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
 - No Go to Q76

For the following questions, the term 'Aboriginal' is used in preference to 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander', in recognition that Aboriginal people are the original inhabitants of NSW. Please think about your experiences of care at the hospital named in the cover letter.

- Q66** During your stay, how often were you asked if you were an Aboriginal person?
- More than I would like
 - As much as I would like
 - Less than I would like
 - Don't know/can't remember
 - I wasn't asked if I was an Aboriginal person Go to Q68

- Q67** Did you feel comfortable about how the staff asked this question?
- Yes, always
 - Yes, sometimes
 - No
 - Don't know/can't remember

- Q68** Did you receive support, or the offer of support, from an Aboriginal health worker while you were in hospital?
- Yes
 - No Go to Q70
 - Don't know/can't remember . . Go to Q70
- Go to Q69

- Q69** After talking to an Aboriginal health worker, did you feel more supported with your care?
- Yes, definitely
 - Yes, to some extent
 - No
 - Not applicable
 - Don't know/can't remember

For the following questions, please think about the experiences of your family during your hospital stay. The term family includes your relatives as well as people who you consider to be your family.

- Q70** If your family visited you in hospital, did they have any of the following issues?
Please **all the boxes that apply to you**
- There were cost issues (e.g. travel, accommodation, parking)
 - Visiting times or visitor numbers were restricted
 - There was no culturally appropriate space available
 - My family didn't feel comfortable when they visited me in hospital
 - They didn't have any issues
 - I had no family visit me in hospital
 - Don't know/can't remember
 - Other issue

Please write below.

Q71

If your family wanted or needed to talk to the health professionals, did they get the opportunity to do so?

- Yes, always
- Yes, sometimes
- No
- Not applicable
- Don't know/can't remember

For the following questions, please think about all the hospital staff you may have met during your stay, including health professionals as well as administration staff, cleaning staff and others.

Q72

Did you ever feel unfairly treated during your stay because you are an Aboriginal person?

- Yes
- No Go to Q74

Q73

What happened to make you feel you were treated unfairly?

Please all the boxes that apply to you

- The staff were less respectful with me than other patients (e.g. the way they spoke to me, the way they looked at me)
- I heard the staff say something bad about me
- I heard the staff say something bad about Aboriginal people
- The staff kept me waiting longer than other patients
- The staff didn't spend as much time with me compared with other patients
- I don't think my cultural needs were recognised
- Other reason

Please write below.

For the following questions, please think about all your experiences at any hospital in the past 12 months.

Q74

In the past 12 months, was there ever a time when you needed to go to hospital but didn't?

- Yes
- No Go to Q76
- Don't know/can't remember . . Go to Q76

Q75

Why didn't you go to hospital?

Please all the boxes that apply to you

- I had transport issues
- I was too busy with work
- I was too busy with personal or family responsibilities
- I had a previous experience of discrimination
- The staff or service were not culturally appropriate
- In the past, my health issues weren't taken seriously
- Other reason

Please write below.



ABOUT YOU (THE PATIENT)

The questions in this section will help us to see how experiences vary between different groups of the population.

Q76 What year were you born?

Write in (YYYY)

Q77 How do you describe your gender?

Please **one** option

- Man or male
- Woman or female
- Non-binary
- Prefer to use a different term

Please specify below.

- Prefer not to answer

Q78 What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- Less than Year 12 or equivalent
- Completed Year 12 or equivalent
- Trade or technical certificate or diploma
- University degree
- Postgraduate/higher degree

Q79 Which language do you mainly speak at home?

- English
- A language other than English

What is that language? Please write below.

Q80 Which, if any, of the following longstanding health conditions do you have (including age-related conditions)?

Please **all** the boxes that apply to you

- Deafness or severe hearing impairment
- Blindness or severe vision impairment
- A longstanding illness (e.g. cancer, HIV, diabetes, chronic heart disease)
- A longstanding physical condition (e.g. arthritis, spinal injury, multiple sclerosis)
- An intellectual disability
- A mental health condition (e.g. depression)
- A neurological condition (e.g. Alzheimer's, Parkinson's)
- None of these. Go to Q82

Q81 Does this condition(s) cause you difficulties with your day-to-day activities?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, to some extent
- No

BHI would like your permission to link your questionnaire responses to other information from health records relating to you which are maintained by NSW Government and Commonwealth agencies (including your hospitalisations or health registry information).

Linking to your health information will allow us to better understand how the care provided by health services is related to the health of their patients.

Your information will be treated in the strictest confidence. BHI will not report any results that may identify you as an individual. Your questionnaire responses will not be accessible to the healthcare staff who cared for you.

Q82 Do you give permission for the Bureau of Health Information to link your answers from this survey to health records related to you (the patient)?

- Yes
- No

COMMENTS

- Q83** What was the best part of the care you received while in this hospital?
Please don't include your name, address or any personal information about yourself or the health professionals who treated you.

- Q84** What most needs improving about the care you received from this hospital?
Please don't include your name, address or any personal information about yourself or the health professionals who treated you.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRE

Please return the questionnaire in the reply paid envelope provided or send it in an envelope addressed to our survey processing centre (no stamp needed):
NSW Patient Survey, Ipsos Social Research Institute,
Reply Paid 91752, Port Melbourne VIC 3207

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