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**Company Announcements Office
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Dear Sir/Madam

PUBLIC CONTRACT FOR FORSTER PRIVATE HOSPITAL

Pulse Health Limited (ASX: PHG) and the Forster Private Hospital have entered into an agreement with the Hunter New England Area Health Service (HNEAHS) to provide public inpatient services at the Forster Private Hospital.

This opportunity will increase hospital occupancy and provide publicly funded referrals to the Private Hospital at an agreed fee per bed day. The Forster Private Hospital has the capacity and the operational capability to provide these additional services to these patients in a designated section of the Private Hospital.

Managing Director Peter Mangles said "This is an exciting opportunity for Pulse Health and is the first contract of its type in NSW."

Mr Mangles went on to state that "the public bed strategy identified potential community benefits in providing residents of the Great Lakes area with access to publicly funded hospital accommodation and inpatient hospital programs in the Forster/Tuncurry locality".

The objective of the Pulse Health / HNEAHS's joint venture is to enhance access to local health services, particularly for the large elderly population in the Great Lakes area, by contracting with the private sector for it to provide, in Forster/Tuncurry, and hence closer to where such population resides, accommodation, health programs and care.

The objective is to provide these in a facility providing an integrated model of care for the Patients, and providing a standard of care that is equivalent to the standard of care that such Patients would have expected to receive in an equivalent public hospital of HNEAHS.

The HNEAHS is anticipating that this will release beds to increase capacity to meet demand at its public hospitals, particularly the Manning Hospital.

Mr Mangles concluded "that this is a win – win model and demonstrates the operational and community benefits achievable if both the public and private health care sectors work together to provide an integrated health care model across the communities of NSW".

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Company Secretary