

**BROTHERHOOD**  
BROTHERHOOD OF ST LAURENCE  
PENINSULA REGION

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27th August, 1993

Dear Resident,

Further to our meeting on August 17, I am writing to confirm that the Settlement Hospital will close on September 30, 1993.

We regret very much having to take this action but, due to the poor financial situation of the hospital with no future prospect of improvement, and also its limited capacity to provide up to date nursing and medical technology, we believe the decision is unavoidable.

As indicated to you, the private hospital cover you have is pre-paid to October 30 and residents will be required to continue paying this until that date. This would allow you to use an alternative hospital during October. It will then be up to each person to decide if they want to maintain their own hospital cover, however with the hospital closure, the Brotherhood will not be able to subsidize this as it has in the past.

If you want to continue in private cover, the cost to you on a fortnightly basis will be \$24-\$27, depending on which scheme you belong to. We will continue to take payments for private hospital cover at the office through the existing schemes.

As also indicated at the meeting it is our intention to provide an alarm call system to each cottage to give residents a greater sense of security and allow them to call for help at any hour of the day. We are obtaining details about the most appropriate system.

While I know the closure of the hospital will be disappointing for the residents and for the staff who have done such an excellent job for many years, it would not be possible for it to continue providing an adequate level of service if it remained in operation.

If you or your relatives have any concerns about the proposed closure, would you please contact either myself at the Regional Office on 782 1000 or Anne Culhane at the Settlement office on 782 1203, by Wednesday 15 September, 1993.

Yours Sincerely,

  
ADRIAN HARRIS  
DIRECTOR, PENINSULA DIVISION