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Mr Phil Minns
Deputy Secretary
NSW Health

By email: sarah.gilbert@health.nsw.gov.au

Dear Mr Minns,

RE: COVID 19 Guidelines for Disability, Home Care, and Client Support Services Sector

I write to you on behalf of our members employed in the Disability, Home Care, and Client Support Services. The COVID-19 epidemic presents an unprecedented challenge for business and government agencies in NSW, Australia and across the world.

Our members face a particularly challenging time during this crisis, especially as clients in this sector often have complex, chronic and challenging health needs. The Union is concerned that without NSW Health Guidelines for this sector, an inconsistent and possibly dangerous approach is occurring amongst the providers. We are aware that some Disability, Home Care, and Client Support Services providers are using the NSW Health Guidelines for Aged Care Facilities to help manage the COVID 19. However, the Community and Public Sector Union (CPSU NSW) is of the view that this falls short of the level of advice and guidance required as it does not address specific health issues in the Disability, Home Care, and Client Support Services Sector.

Accordingly, the CPSU NSW seeks that Health NSW develop COVID 19 Health Guidelines for the Disability, Home Care, and Client Support Services Sector to ensure providers consistently manage the risk for clients and their families/carers, and workers.

I thank you for your attention to this matter and look forward to your prompt reply.

Please contact CPSU-NSW Industrial Manager Anne Kennelly on 0499 499504 or by email akennelly@psa.asn.au in relation to the matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stewart Little'.

Stewart Little
State Branch Secretary

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