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Subject: Number and working hours of interpreters in hospitals

QUESTION

How many embedded interpreters are there across each hospital and what hours do they work?

ANSWER

In answer to the question, Royal Darwin Hospital has Aboriginal interpreter staff available by booking, 24 hours a day. There are five interpreters based onsite at the Royal Darwin Hospital.

At the Palmerston Regional Hospital interpreters can be booked for an in-person appointment or 24-hour Aboriginal Interpreter Service phone line is available.

Tennant Creek Hospital utilises telephone services with the Alice Springs Aboriginal Interpreter Service team, noting there are some Aboriginal interpreter staff in the Barkly business hub. However, there are no set hours for the hub.

Katherine Hospital has one Aboriginal Interpreter Service interpreter from 8 am to 3 pm Monday to Friday.

The Alice Springs Hospital has five Aboriginal liaison officers who provide interpreting services Monday to Friday 8 am to 4.21 pm. Aboriginal Interpreter Services is engaged as required.

Gove District Hospital has one Aboriginal Interpreter Service interpreter available 9.30 am to 1.30 pm Monday to Friday.