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Dear Alfred Health Researchers and Sponsors

We are writing to let you know that Alfred Health is about to merge into a larger health service known as Bayside Health, and to provide information about how research projects at Alfred Health will be managed.

From 1 January 2026, five of Victoria's public health services will merge to form Bayside Health. The health services are:

- Alfred Health (ABN 27 318 956 319)
- Bass Coast Health (ABN 86 627 309 026)
- Gippsland Southern Health Service (ABN 55 344 811 591)
- Kooweerup Regional Health Services (ABN 36 069 039 918), and
- Peninsula Health (ABN 52 892 860 159)

The first four health services will merge into Peninsula Health, which will retain its ABN but be renamed Bayside Health. As a result of these orders, all Alfred Health hospitals will form part of Bayside Health. The merger has occurred following orders of Victoria's Governor-in-Council made pursuant to Part 13 of the *Health Services Act* 1988 (Vic) (see page 2458).

The details of the new legal entity are:

- **Name:** Bayside Health
- **ABN:** 52 892 860 159
- **Address:** 2 Hastings Road, Frankston, VIC, 3199

Research (and research governance) will remain the same

Bayside Health will immediately commence the process of integrating its corporate and clinical processes, to ensure that we deliver seamless, comprehensive care to our community of 1.2 million people. In the meantime, the corporate and clinical structures that are currently in place for each of the health services will remain the same.

The research projects that you are undertaking at Alfred Health will continue, with the same research governance processes and the Principal Investigator and research team with whom you have contracted. The governing Human Research Ethics Committee will remain in place and the HREC Code and contact details will remain in effect. We will take care of updating the details of the Certified Institution, Alfred Health, with the NHMRC and other internal and external regulatory bodies.

Some amendments to the regulatory documents will be required

We are working closely with the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) to identify the most efficient means of amending the Sponsor details for the Clinical Trial Notifications (CTNs) of investigator-initiated studies sponsored by Alfred Health and will be responsible for any fees incurred in making such amendments. Our preliminary discussions indicate that it will be possible to update the name and official address of the Sponsor. The name of the Approving Authority for Alfred Health participating sites will also be amended to Bayside Health (Alfred) at the same time.

For CTNs of externally sponsored studies conducted at Bayside Health sites, the TGA have indicated that there is no urgent requirement to amend the Approving Authority details of the Bayside Health participating sites. However,



for future new or amended applications, please list Bayside Health (Alfred) as the Approving Authority. Sponsors may wish to seek their own advice from the TGA.

Communications with patients need not change immediately

References to 'Alfred Health' in the Participant Information and Consent Forms (PICFs), Participant/Relative Brochures, and other consent documents only need to be revised at the time that the document is to be amended for other purposes. This also applies to other participant-facing material. The Bayside Health logo will be available shortly.

Banking details will remain the same

There is no need to amend banking details at this time. If you receive any correspondence suggesting the need to change banking details, please contact the Alfred Health Office of Ethics and Research Governance by:

- telephone: (03) 9076 8825 or
- email: research@alfred.org.au

You will be notified if the circumstances change in the future. There will be a separate communication to Sponsors from the Finance Departments.

We will retain the same insurance policy with the same insurer

Bayside Health will continue to maintain insurance arranged by the Victorian Managed Insurance Authority (VMIA), an office of Victoria's Department of Treasury and Finance. The insurance will continue to provide indemnity to Alfred Health and its personnel. Evidence of insurance will be provided on request.

Email addresses and contact numbers will remain the same

Existing email addresses and contact numbers will remain in effect. You will be notified if the circumstances change in the future.

Most contracts will transfer to Bayside Health automatically

The Governor-in-Council's orders include an order transferring all property, rights and liabilities from Alfred Health to Bayside Health, including all contracts. As a result of these orders all agreements governed by the laws of Victoria will transfer to Bayside Health automatically, without the need for a deed of novation. This includes:

- Medicines Australia (MA) CTRA and Medical Technology of Association of Australia (MTAA) CIRA templates and indemnities
- Medicines Australia Teletrial Subcontract CTRA
- Many Alfred Health Investigator-initiated, company supported CTRAs
- Victorian Research Collaboration (RCA) agreement and its predecessors (Monash Partners and MACH)
- Alfred Health Material Transfer Agreement
- Alfred Health Data Transfer Agreement

All other agreements will need to be novated and we are in the process of sending out deeds of novation in relation to those agreements. If you have an agreement that is not governed by the laws of Victoria and have not received correspondence from us, please contact the [Alfred Health Legal Office](#) to discuss the matter further.

Future agreements and amendments should name Bayside Health as the party

Any agreements, as well as any amendments to current agreements and indemnities signed by either or both Parties after 1 January 2026 will need to use the Bayside Health name, ABN and address as the 'Institution', 'CRG', 'Party', 'Organisation', as appropriate.

The Alfred Health Office of Ethics & Research Governance will be closed from Monday, 22 December 2025 and until Friday 3 January 2026. Any legal documents which require signing by Friday 19 December will need to be submitted as soon as possible, particularly those requiring a signature by Monash University. Unfortunately, it cannot be guaranteed that all documents will be fully executed this year despite our best efforts.

Please share this guidance with your colleagues, collaborators and sponsors. We thank you for your support and if you have any queries, please contact:

- for issues related to research, ethics and research governance: Alfred Health Office of Ethics & Research Governance
 - telephone: (03) 9076 8825
 - email: research@alfred.org.au
- for issues related to contract amendments and novations: [Alfred Health Legal Office](#).

We look forward to continuing to work with you.

Yours sincerely

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