

Dear Ms Hayes

Thank you for your email dated 15 November 2012.

As you would be aware, the Office of the Minister for Health has forwarded your correspondence to me for direct response.

Please be assured that the West Moreton Hospital and Health Board is committed to ensuring Queensland's adolescents have access to the mental health treatment and care they need.

I would like to advise you that as yet, no final decision about Barrett Adolescent Centre has been made. However, I am able to advise you that West Moreton Hospital and Health Service is collaborating with an expert clinical reference group who will recommend a model of care that will be contemporary and evidence based. This model of care will be developed to meet the needs of adolescents in Queensland requiring longer term mental health treatment.

The Hospital and Health Service will work together with the community, mental health consumers and their families to ensure they are kept up-to-date. A communication plan has been developed to ensure that all stakeholders are kept up to date regarding the progress in the development of the model of care. Consultation will be broadly based prior to a decision being made.

Once again I thank you for your correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Mary Corbett
Chair
West Moreton Hospital and Health Board
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