

Email response to [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for email dated 9 October 2013-10-16. I appreciate the time you have taken to express your concerns for the young people at the Barrett Adolescent Centre.

Extensive progress is being made through the Statewide Steering Committee and a range of working groups. The goal is to ensure that adolescents requiring mental health extended treatment and rehabilitation will receive the most appropriate and contemporary care for their individual needs. The transition process for those adolescents currently in the Barrett Adolescent Centre will be managed carefully to ensure that there is no gap to service provision.

The West Moreton Hospital and Health Service, in partnership with other key stakeholders including Children's Health Queensland, will continue to progress this body of work to ensure the best mental health opportunities and outcomes for the adolescents in Queensland who need extended treatment and rehabilitation mental health care.

Further information with regard to the Barrett Adolescent Strategy can be found at website www.health.qld.gov.au/westmoreton/html/bac, and will be updated regularly over the coming months.

Thank you again for your concern in this matter.

Kind regards
Sharon