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## Briefing Note for Noting

Director-General

Requested by: Lesley Dwyer, Chief Executive, West Moreton Hospital and Health Service

Date requested: 8 July 2013

Action required by: 15 July 2013

**SUBJECT: Barrett Adolescent Strategy Meeting**

### Proposal

That the Director-General:

**Note** a meeting has been scheduled for 4pm on Monday 15 July 2013, between the Minister for Health, Dr Mary Corbett, Chair, West Moreton, HHB, Lesley Dwyer, Chief Executive, West Moreton, HHS, and Sharon Kelly, Executive Director, Mental Health and Specialised Services, West Moreton, HHS, to discuss the next stages of the Barrett Adolescent Strategy.

**Provide** this brief to the Minister for information.

### Urgency

1. **Urgent** - There is growing concern amongst stakeholders of the Barrett Adolescent Strategy, including patients and carers, to receive communication about the future of the Barrett Adolescent Centre (BAC).

### Headline Issues

2. The top issues are:
  - The West Moreton Hospital and Health Board considered the recommendations of the Expert Clinical Reference Group on 24 May 2013.
  - West Moreton Hospital and Health Board approved the closure of BAC dependent on alternative, appropriate care provisions for the adolescent target group and the meeting with the Minister for Health.

### Blueprint

3. How does this align with the *Blueprint for Better Healthcare in Queensland*?
  - providing Queenslanders with value in health services – value for taxpayers money; and
  - better patient care in the community setting, utilising safe, sustainable and responsive service models – delivering best patient care.

### Key issues

4. There is significant patient/carers, community, mental health sector and media interest about a decision regarding the future of the BAC.
5. A comprehensive communication plan has been developed.
6. The Department of Health is urgently progressing planning for Youth Prevention and Recovery Care (Y-PARC) services to be established in Queensland by January 2014. This service type would provide an alternative care option for the adolescent target group currently accessing BAC.

### Background

7. BAC is a 15-bed inpatient service for adolescent mental health extended treatment and rehabilitation that is located at The Park – Centre for Mental Health (the Park).

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8. The BAC cannot continue to provide services due to the Park becoming an adult secure and forensic campus by 2014, and because the capital fabric of BAC is no longer fit for purpose. Alternative statewide service options are required.

### **Consultation**

9. Consultation about the proposed next stages of the Strategy and board decision for closure has been limited to Dr Peter Steer, Children's Health Services; and Dr Tony O'Connell, Director-General, Dr Michael Cleary, and Dr Bill Kingswell, Health Services and Clinical Innovation, Department of Health.
10. A short verbal briefing has been provided to the Queensland Commissioner for Mental Health, Dr Lesley van Schoubroeck.
11. Agreement has been reached that the Strategy will be finalised through a partnership between West Moreton HHS, Children's Health Services, and the Department of Health.

### **Attachments**

12. Attachment 1: Agenda Barrett Adolescent Strategy.  
Attachment 2: Issues and Incident Management Plan BAC.

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 Director-General

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To Minister's Office For Noting

**Director-General's comments**


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Minister for Health

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### Recommendation

That the Minister:

**Note** a meeting has been scheduled for 4pm on Monday 15 July 2013, with the West Moreton Board Chair, Chief Executive, and Executive Director of Mental Health, to discuss the next stages of the Barrett Adolescent Strategy.

**Note** The West Moreton Board considered the recommendations of the Expert Clinical Reference Group, on 24 May 2013, and approved the closure of the Barrett Adolescent Centre dependent on alternative, appropriate care provisions for the adolescent target group and the meeting with the Minister for Health.

**Note** There is significant patient/carer, community, mental health sector and media interest about a timely decision regarding the future of the Barrett Adolescent Centre. A comprehensive communication plan has been developed.

**Note** Consultation about the proposed next stages of the Strategy has been limited to Commissioner for Mental Health, Children's Health Services and Department of Health.

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**LAWRENCE SPRINGBORG**  
Minister for Health

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### Minister's comments


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