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To: Laura Fay
Cc: Trevor Sadler;Vanessa Clayworth
Subject: Future of Barrett Adolescent Centre
Attachments: Parent update re BAC future.pdf

Hello Laura,

I am writing to you as either the referrer or the current mental health service looking after an adolescent on our referral or admission wait list. As you may be aware the Barrett Adolescent Centre has been under a cloud of uncertainty regarding our future. An intensive review process was conducted from December 2012 to May 2013. Fortunately a decision has been made to continue to provide an extended care mental health service to adolescents. However we will not continue to operate at our present site. A new site is yet to be determined but it is proposed that it will continue to be located in the South-East Queensland area. It is hoped to start the transition to the new service at the beginning of next year and we will then fall under the governance of Children's Health Queensland.

At this stage, there are some unknown factors on how the new site or transition might affect us (e.g. bed numbers, initial staffing levels, and building structure/layout). The transition may be disruptive to some degree. However I wanted to reassure you that no restrictions have been issued on current adolescents who are on the waiting list, in that they will be transferred over to the wait list of the service at the new site.

A mail out has been sent to [redacted] of which I have attached for your information - it includes a letter from myself, message from the District Executive Director for Mental Health and Specialised Services for our District (West Moreton), fact sheet, media statement and the recommendations from the review process.

If there are other stakeholders who you feel would benefit from this information, please feel free to forward this on.

Thank you so much for ongoing support and patience during this process. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself, Dr Trevor Sadler or the Nurse Unit Manager. Thanks.

Kind regards,
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