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| Committee: | West Moreton Hospital and Health Board | | |
| Meeting Date: | 23 August 2013 | Agenda Item Number: | 7.1 |
| Agenda Subject: | Barratt Adolescent Strategy | | |
| Action required: | For Recommendation | For Discussion | For Noting |
| Author: Sharon Kelly | Position: ED Mental Health and Specialised Services | | Date: 14/8/2013 |
| <p>Recommendation/s are consistent with Strategic Plan Funding impacts are included within approved budget Risks are identified and mitigation/management strategies included Implications for patient and/or staff care and well-being have been identified</p> | | | |

Proposal

That the West Moreton Hospital and Health Board:

Note current actions in relation to the implementation of the Barrett Adolescent Strategy

Background

1. Investigations into contemporary model of care for Adolescents requiring extended treatment and rehabilitation mental health care were commenced in November 2012 utilising a range of strategies
2. The Board supported in principle the recommendations of the Expert Clinical Reference Group at its May 2013 meeting with some further high level communication and risk mitigation strategies prior to progressing to announcement and implementation.
3. Progress presented to The Board July meeting and community announcement occurred by The Minister for Health, Mr Lawrence Springborg on Tuesday 6 August.

Key Issues or Risks

4. **communication Strategy**
 - a. in depth communication plan developed for announcement with endorsement by strategic partners and Minister office.
 - b. All steps in plan adhered to and undertaken within 3 days of announcement
 - c. Key notes :-
 - i. Staff were advised prior to announcement by ED MH&SS and Chief Executive WMHHS. Included in the meeting were the Department of Education Director and HR staff.
 - ii. All current consumers and their carers were individually spoken to prior to announcement publically with positive responses.
 - iii. Key themes were the positive response to the statewide governance changes to Children Health Queensland; the commitment to ensure current and future consumers will be supported into contemporary models.
 - iv. Media has been underwhelming in negativity and all concerns raised by individuals are being attended to as a priority.
5. **patient discharge strategy**
 - a. all current consumers have an up to date discharge plan
 - b. a number of consumers were identified for discharge over the next [REDACTED] months
 - c. the treating team have already commenced discussions with each of the family carer's to identify what resources or care may be required by the consumer post December 2013.
 - d. Consumers on the wait list have been identified and correspondence provided outlining the process to occur.
 - e. Receiving HHS services are engaged in each of these consumers as well to identify what care or alternate services may be required post closure of the BAC facility.
 - f. Current negotiations are occurring with the Clinical Director regarding the appropriateness or requirement for short term admissions for some on the wait list.

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6. **risk management of service whilst EFTRU has opened and adolescents remain on campus**
 - a. EFTRU opened to first consumers 29 July 2013.
 - b. First tranche of consumers was direct transfer from the Extended Treatment Rehabilitation unit, already locate on the premises. (aim to test facility etc and staff learning prior to a more significant secure cohort being admitted)
 - c. Planning for each month a further increase in consumers transferred from the High Secure unit will occur depending on their acuity and consequent full capacity anticipated by January 2014.
 - d. Each consumer is risk assessed as to their ability to manage in the new environment.
 - e. Adolescent consumers are not allowed ground access without escort during this transition phase.
7. **transition of governance**
 - a. initial meetings have been had with the Children's Health Queensland and MHAOD branch
 - b. a field trip to Victoria to consider alternate models in action is occurring over the 14 August to 16 August by senior clinicians CHQ and representatives of WMHHS.
 - c. Implementation plan and progression by CHQ for the first meeting of the implementation group under way.

Consultation

8. Significant consultation has occurred during the process with internal and external stakeholders.

Financial and Other Implications

9. Budgets attached to the BAC will be removed once the full transition has occurred in early 2014.
10. Ongoing political and reputational implications should any significant incident or adverse media occur during this transition phase.

Strategic and Operational Alignment

11. The closure of BAC and removal of adolescent services from The Park forensic site aligns with both the strategic direction of the HHS and the Queensland Plan for Mental Health 2007-17.

Recommendation

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Attachments

1. nil