

Response to proposal for three Barrett like referrals, in 2014

We at the Day Program are prepared to offer whatever assistance deemed necessary for this client group. We understand the proposal is that in concert with the Inpatient unit we will work with up to three clients for a maximum of three months each. This arrangement is for eleven months and due to commence as of 1/2/2014. The specific clients are yet to be identified and are to fill the clinical gap left by the closure of the Barrett Adolescent Centre. It is further understood that we would have a clinical role tailoring an intervention for these clients that accounts for the hours between 08:00 and 16:30, Monday to Friday.

The economic impact, to the Day Program, of this arrangement is difficult to calculate, however if staffing were to increase to incorporate **a Full time HP 3, and say 2x Full time youth workers**, we feel that that we could absorb the extra work load and provide the capacity to deliver a compressive, intensive and safe intervention that improves client functioning across important life domains.

We are keen to enter discussions that will address concerns of clinical governance. This is a departure from our normal service delivery as we normally would take case management, and full clinical responsibility for all Day Program patients. Guidelines for balancing issues between the proposed model (i.e 3x months stays) and consideration of Duty of Care, when clinical consideration may compromise the model, would need to be developed and be clear. Our initial thoughts are that an Inpatient consultant needs to be the consultant in charge; of course collaboration will be a vital ingredient in making this proposal work. Case Management may need to be shared between the Inpatient and the Day Program staff, with different aspects of the usual role being taken by two staff members. Individual Therapy may sit better with the Day Program as would the group program incorporating parent group as well as family work. We are happy to enter into discussion with interested parties.