



West Moreton Hospital and Health Service

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Dear Carer

I understand that your family member is currently on the waitlist to receive assessment or care from the Barrett Adolescent Centre at The Park Centre for Mental Health. With this in mind, I would like to provide you with an update on the Barrett Adolescent Centre Strategy, on behalf of West Moreton Hospital and Health Service.

State-wide governance for adolescent mental health extended treatment and rehabilitation will be moving to Children's Health Queensland.

As identified in an announcement earlier this week by West Moreton Hospital and Health Service Chief Executive Lesley Dwyer and Children's Health Queensland Chief Executive Dr Peter Steer, adolescents requiring extended mental health treatment and rehabilitation will receive services through a new range of contemporary service options from early 2014. Young people receiving care from Barrett Adolescent Centre at that time will be supported to transition to other contemporary care options that best meet their individual needs.

Importantly, our goal in West Moreton Hospital and Health Service continues to be to ensure that adolescents requiring mental health extended treatment and rehabilitation will receive the most appropriate care for their individual needs. We will work with your adolescent and your family, in addition to your local mental health service to enable your adolescent to access the most appropriate care, whether that be through Barrett Adolescent Centre or an alternative option that best meets their needs.

Our clinicians will be contacting you over the next week to discuss the information provided today and to reconsider your specific needs in this context. We will also be contacting the service provider who referred you to Barrett Adolescent Centre to inform them of the announcements made.

For further information about Barrett Adolescent Centre and the planning for new state-wide service options in adolescent mental health extended treatment and rehabilitation, please find attached a media statement, a copy of the seven expert clinical reference group recommendations submitted to the West Moreton Hospital and Health Board, and a FAQs sheet.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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