

TALKING POINTS FOR DISCUSSION WITH HEALTH MINISTER

- 14th December last meeting with Minister
- Put forward case for change for mental health key outcomes since then
 - a. Reduction in overtime in staffing and \$
 - 34FTE attributed to Overtime July 12
 - 4FTE for June 13
 - (\$4 million for 11/12 year to \$1 million 12/13 year)
 - b. Cultural change of staffing
 - With the opportunity for skill mix changes and redesigning services 73 staff have left the Mental Health service
 - revitalisation of MH&SS leadership team
 - c. Budget integrity
 - At the first upload of the MH budget there was a predicted \$8 million overspend
 - End of year position saw a balanced position.
 - d. Seclusion and monitoring
 - System is in place
 - Monitoring devices available if required
 - e. Extended Forensic Treatment and Rehab unit
 - Planning finalised
 - To open with initial low level consumers July 29th
- As noted above, things have changed. The Park is no longer a suitable location for an adolescent mental health inpatient service.
- The Park has expanded in its capacity as a secure and forensic adult mental health facility. EFTRU opening.
- This poses a risk for young people. This is not a suitable place for adolescents.
- It is in the best interests of young people that they are not cared for in the same environment as adult mental health consumers who require high secure treatment.
- Goal is to ensure that the adolescents currently at Barrett Adolescent Centre are cared for in an environment that is best suited for them.
- Alternative statewide service options are required
- There is significant patient/carer, community, mental health sector and media interest about a timely decision on the future of the BAC.
- A timely decision is paramount to ensure effective transition for current and future consumers.
- Significant consultation has occurred with recommendations being put forward by an Expert Clinical Reference Group. Inclusive of Education, consumer and carer representation.
- West Moreton HHB considered 7 recommendations of the Expert Clinical Reference Group on 24 May 2013.

- Board approval to close BAC is dependent on alternative, appropriate service provisions for the adolescent target group.
- A communication plan has been developed
- There has been no public announcement about the future of BAC to date.
- Any announcement is dependent on your support.
- The Department of Health is progressing planning for Youth Prevention and Recovery Care (Y-PARC) services to be established in Queensland by January 2014. (this has already been announced to the sector through another process)
- This service would provide one alternative care option for the adolescent target group currently assessing BAC.
- A likely site for the first Y-PARC is Metro South HHS, proposed for Logan with a second considered for Cairns.
- Consultation about the proposed next stages of the strategy has been limited to Children's Health Queensland Chief Executive Dr Peter Steer, Deputy Director-General Dr Michael Cleary and Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs Executive Director Dr Bill Kingswell.
- A short verbal briefing was provided to the Commissioner for Mental Health Dr Lesley van Schoubroeck by the ED MH&SS Tuesday morning.
- Agreement has been reached that the strategy will be finalised through a partnership between West Moreton HHS, Children's Health Queensland and the Department of Health.
- It is proposed that BAC will close in December 2013 in alignment with the opening of the Y PARC.
- Discharge planning for current patients will commence immediately.
- No further admissions will be accepted to BAC to ensure limited disruption to any new consumers care needs and treatment. Communication with existing services across the State will support this position, and ensure local community care options are informed and available.
- It is proposed that ongoing statewide service provision for mental health adolescent extended treatment and rehabilitation will become the responsibility of Children's Health Queensland, and planning will begin for the transition of current BAC operational funding from WMHHS (in line with patient discharge)
- Education have been involved in the process and it is proposed a specific communication is progressed, noting there is a school on site and alternates will need to be considered for the education requirement of consumers. Timing is sufficient for this to occur.