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Ministerial Brief for Noting

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 Department Minister's office**SUBJECT: Progress of Rebuilding intensive mental healthcare for young people – EC147****Recommendation/s****It is recommended that the Minister:**

1. **Note** that progression of initiatives under the Government's commitment to *Rebuilding intensive mental healthcare for young people*.

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PLEASE DISCUSS

Cameron Dick MP

Date: / /

Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services

Ministerial Office comments

Issues

1. This briefing updates expanded service options delivered in 2015 for young people with severe and persistent mental illness as part of the Queensland Government's commitments to Rebuilding intensive mental healthcare for young people.
2. The services being developed and expanded form part of a continuum of care to ensure young people receive contemporary, family-centred services in the least-restrictive environment as close to their home and community as possible. The Queensland Government's commitments build upon the Adolescent Mental Health Extended Treatment Initiative (AMHETI) which includes Assertive Youth Mobile Youth Outreach Services (AMYOS), adolescent day programs, Youth Resi, Step up Step down Units (SUSDU) and adolescent sub-acute beds.
3. The establishment of youth residential rehabilitation services (Youth Resi) and family accommodation in Townsville is well underway. Mind Australia (community managed provider) successfully tendered to operate the two new four-bed Youth Resi services, (in partnership with the Townsville Hospital and Health Service) and has commenced staff recruitment and building lease negotiations with anticipated commencement in early 2016.
4. Lease arrangements for two new two-bedroom family accommodation facilities have been finalised. Families will be accepted into this accommodation from 1 January 2016.
5. Procurement to continue to operate existing Youth Resi services in Greenslopes and Cairns was completed in November 2015 with Aftercare being the successful tenderer.
6. Eight AMYOS teams have commenced — the most recent being Rockhampton in October and the Gold Coast in November, with recruitment of staff for a team in Cairns underway.
7. Planning has also commenced for a SUSDU in Cairns with the model of service developed and the land transfer, development application and design guidelines underway.

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8. A Youth Mental Health Commitments Committee, chaired by the Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs Branch is developing a costed plan for implementing the south east Queensland and state-wide election commitments.
9. The Capital Infrastructure Delivery Unit, Department of Health has been commissioned to prepare an evaluation of site options for a 22 bed sub-acute facility, due to report in early February 2016.

Background

10. AMHETI is provided in addition to existing public child and youth mental health services including a combination of hospital and community based services, outreach programs, telepsychiatry (via videoconferencing), early intervention, forensic, and other specialist services and programs.

Sensitivities

11. The Barrett Adolescent Centre Commission of Inquiry is ongoing and any recommendations will need to be considered for the implementation of the Government's commitments.

Results of Consultation

12. Mr Robert Hoge, Senior Director, Strategic Communications, Office of the Director-General developed the media release, with content expertise provided by the Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs Branch.
13. Ms Ingrid Adamson, Project Manager, Children's Health Queensland HHS provided advice and information of timelines on elements of the election commitments.
14. Ms Vicki Hopkins, Program Manager, Rural, Remote and Indigenous Mental Health, Townsville HHS provided advice on delivery of family accommodation.

Resource Implications (including Financial)

15. \$11.8 million operational over four years from 2015-2016 to has been allocated to the Townsville Youth Resi and family accommodation.

Attachments

16. Attachment 1—Media Release: Government delivers on youth mental health services

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John, can you pls review + re-submit if you are happy with this brief.

Thanks

Michael.

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