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## **BARRETT ADOLESCENT CENTRE – THE PARK CENTRE FOR MENTAL HEALTH**

### **HEADLINE ISSUE(S):**

- An Expert Clinical Reference Group has been convened to recommend alternative contemporary models of care for young people in Queensland who require extended mental health treatment.

### **KEY POINTS:**

- The Expert Clinical Reference Group has been meeting since December 2012.
- The Expert Clinical Reference Group was subsequently expanded to include both a previous consumer of the services and a carer to ensure their voice is heard.
- The aim is to recommend a contemporary model of care for young mental health consumers in an environment that is safe for them and in an environment that is closer to their homes.
- The centre's current consumers will continue to receive the care that is most appropriate for them.
- Stakeholders have been kept up to date through the publication of newsletters which are distributed to consumers, their families and staff.
- The Expert Clinical Reference Group have delivered their recommendations to the overarching Barrett Adolescent Planning Group on 8 May 2013.
- The Planning Group met on Wednesday 15 May 2013 to consider recommendations and have provided final recommendations for progression in the first instance to the West Moreton Hospital and Health Service Board on 24 May 2013.

**Background:**

- Since November 2012, there has been media and stakeholder interest regarding the future of the Barrett Adolescent Centre.
- West Moreton Hospital and Health Service Board has endorsed a Project Plan which sets out a governance framework for developing an alternative model of care for adolescents requiring longer term mental health treatment.
- The gant chart for the project plan has been updated since the extension of time frames for the Expert Clinical Reference Group was approved.
- Barrett Adolescent Centre was to be relocated to a new unit which was to be built adjacent to the Redlands Hospital. It was to be commissioned in 2014. Due to environmental and other issues, the project could not proceed and has now ceased.
- The capital allocation previously attached to the rebuild of Barrett Adolescent Centre has been redirected to other Queensland Health capital priorities.
- This capital funding is currently no longer available for a rebuild of Barrett Adolescent Centre at an alternative site.
- The Barrett Adolescent Centre buildings are approximately 35 years old and are no longer fit for purpose.
- Please note that an early meeting will be requested with the Minister and the Chair of the WMHHS Board following the board meeting on 24 May 2013, to discuss the recommendations and direction.

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