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SUBJECT: Rebuilding intensive mental healthcare for young people (the election commitments)

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Director-General's comment

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1. This briefing provides an update on progression of the Queensland Government's commitments for young people under the *Rebuilding intensive mental healthcare for young people* policy (Attachment 1). These commitments aim to provide enhanced services for young people with severe and persistent mental illness (see Background).
2. A total of \$40.51 million (\$22.7 million capital and \$17.81 million recurrent operational) funding for four years over 2015-2019 has been allocated to support implementation.
3. Of this, \$11.8 million operational over four years has been committed to the Townsville component. This initiative is progressing and two four-bed youth residential rehabilitation services and family accommodation facilities are expected to be operational by January 2016.
4. To progress the South East Queensland component, Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs Branch (MHAODB) has provided funding to Capital Infrastructure Delivery Unit to prepare an evaluation of site options for a 22 bed tier 3 sub-acute facility in South East Queensland.
5. A Youth Mental Health Commitments Committee (YMHCC) has been established to oversight planning for the election commitments and met for the first time on 22 September 2015. The work of the YMHCC will culminate in a Queensland Health position paper that will provide a costed plan for implementing the South East Queensland and Statewide election commitments.
6. Progression of the South East Queensland component which includes a, centralised facility to accommodate young people with severe and persistent mental illness may be impacted by recommendations of the recently commenced commission of inquiry (COI) into the closure of the Barrett Adolescent Centre (BAC), due to report in January 2016.
7. The BAC was Queensland's only adolescent extended treatment and rehabilitation service for adolescents between 13 and 17 years of age with severe, persistent mental illness and was closed in January 2014.
8. In developing Queensland Health's plan for implementation of the election commitments, the YMHCC will consider the recommendations from the COI.

Background

9. *Rebuilding intensive mental healthcare for young people* comprise three key components:
 - 9.1. *South East Queensland component*
 - 9.1.1. Establish a new tier 3 sub-acute facility with up to 22 beds for young people with serious mental health issues in South East Queensland including an additional 20 place day program, an integrated special purpose school, step-down facility and family accommodation.

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9.2. *Statewide components*

- 9.2.1. Establish day program services in a number of locations across the State.
- 9.2.2. Review Assertive Mobile Youth Outreach Services.
- 9.2.3. Review youth residential rehabilitation services.

9.3. *Townsville components*

- 9.3.1. Establish youth residential rehabilitation services for up to eight young people in Townsville.
- 9.3.2. Establish family residential facilities consisting of two, two bedroom units to support out-of-area families of young people receiving care in Townsville.

- 10. Since the closure of the BAC in January 2014, the MHAODB has supported Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service (CHQ HHS) to meet the needs of young people with severe and persistent mental illness through a new program of services; the Adolescent Mental Health Extended Treatment Initiative (AMHETI) (see Attachment 2).
- 11. The AMHETI model proposes evidence based contemporary services across the continuum of care to young people across Queensland including least restrictive, best practice, early intervention options and providing more care in the community closer to home.
- 12. Within a recurrent budget of \$8 million, the existing AMHETI services led by CHQ HHS include:
 - 12.1. nine AMYOS teams including north Brisbane, south Brisbane and Redcliffe/Caboolture, Logan, Darling Downs, and Townsville with recruitment underway at the Gold Coast Cairns and Rockhampton;
 - 12.2. four adolescent day programs currently at the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital, Toowoomba, Townsville and north Brisbane (only the north Brisbane service is funded under AMHETI, the other day programs are funded from HHS base budgets);
 - 12.3. two Youth Residential Rehabilitation Units each with five beds in Greenslopes and Cairns; and
 - 12.4. sub-acute beds available on demand based at the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital.

Results of Consultation

13. N/A

Resource Implications (including financial)

- 14. Of the \$40.51 million allocated, \$11.8 million has been allocated to the Townsville component, leaving \$22.7 million capital funding, and \$6.01 million operational funding to implement the remaining South East Queensland and Statewide components of the election commitments.
- 15. The MHAODB has provisionally costed the full delivery of the South East Queensland component (a 22 bed tier 3 sub-acute facility) at \$74.5 million over four years 2015-2016 to 2018-2019 (\$47.6 million capital and \$26.9 million operating).

Attachments

- 16. Attachment 1: Copy of 'Rebuilding intensive mental healthcare for young people'
- Attachment 2: AMHETI model of service

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