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### **CURRENT STATUS**

Media is aware of an impending decision regarding the future of Barrett Adolescent Centre.

### **KEY MESSAGES**

- Adolescents requiring longer term mental health treatment will continue to receive the high quality of care suited to their individual needs.
- BAC will close at end of December 2013 when alternate service options will become available.
- The Park is secure and forensic adult mental health facility. As part of The Park, this means BAC is not an appropriate environment for the treatment of adolescents.

### **RECOMMENDED APPROACH**

- Media holding statement in the first instance
- Media statement announcing decision
- Media statements – progress updates
- FAQs
- Letters to stakeholders
- Standard Ministerial response