

QUEENSLAND HEALTH BRIEF FOR NOTING

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This one to me.

Our Ref: MI165776 MO: 09001219
 Date: 5 November 2009
 TO Deputy Premier and Minister for Health
 FROM Chief Executive Officer, Metro South Health Service District
 SUBJECT Relocation of Adolescent Extended Treatment Centre
 Requested by Mr Aaron Broughton, Policy Advisor

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- That you note the contents of this brief and the attached letter of response – MI165776.

BACKGROUND SUMMARY

- The Barrett Adolescent Centre provides specialist multidisciplinary assessment and integrated treatment and rehabilitation to adolescents between 13 and 17 years of age with severe, persistent mental illness.
- The current Barrett Adolescent Centre is situated at The Park – Centre for Mental Health, Wacol. The Centre is due to be relocated to land within the Redland Hospital site. This site was identified as the preferred option by the site selection subgroup.
- The District Chief Executive Officer, Metro South Health Service District and also the Darling Downs-West Moreton Health Service District considered the consultation report and endorsed the redevelopment of the Adolescent Extended Treatment Unit to the Redland site.
- The project definition plan and design development are scheduled to be conducted in March 2010.
- Construction is anticipated to commence between December 2010 and August 2011.
- Commissioning of the relocated facility is expected between August 2011 and October 2011.

ISSUES

- The existing building at Wacol was built in approximately 1978 and was not built as an adolescent unit. It has been the subject of considerable ongoing safety concerns. These concerns were noted during the course of accreditation conducted by the Australian Council of Healthcare Standards (ACHS) in 2008.
- The Wacol centre is adjacent to the high security inpatient service and is in close proximity to existing extended treatment beds which are being converted to provide extended treatment to consumers with a forensic history some of whom are sexual offenders. Redevelopment at The Park is therefore perceived as inappropriate.

Under what guise? Has this been approved? need background if not need to seek approval.

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Any advice to HPD/any others?

- The current location has been identified by child and youth clinicians as not a suitable location for the unit.
- Once the relocation process is completed the new centre will offer 24-hour inpatient care for adolescents with high acuity in a safe, structured, highly supervised and supportive environment. In addition there will be less intensive care in a day program. The facility will enable the development of programs to improve transition of adolescents to the community.

CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS

- Staff within the current facility were initially consulted on 17 November 2008.
- Follow-up consultation with staff and initial consultation with consumers was held on 20 February 2009.
- A carers' survey was conducted between 20 February 2009 to 10 March 2009.
- Consultation was conducted with the Health Reform Consultative Committee on 10 February 2009 and with the local consultative forum – The Park - Centre for Mental Health on 17 December 2008.
- Consultation was held with the Child and Youth Design Reference Group on 17 December 2008.
- The Statewide Child and Youth Subgroup meeting was held on 27 November 2008 with Student Services Department of Education Training and the Arts (DETA).
- A meeting was held on 15 January 2009 with the regional director of DETA.
- A meeting was held on 23 January 2009 with officers of the Moreton region, Education Queensland.


FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- Indicative budget forecast including contribution to land purchase is \$15,981,000.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Letter of response to Dr Mark Robinson MP – MI165776.

Community consultation?
This would seem to be
the key thing, but is
missing.

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| Deputy Premier and Minister for Health | | |
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| Paul Lucas Deputy Premier and Minister for Health | Principal/Senior Policy Advisor |  Policy Advisor |
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Political Representatives

Local Government



- Councillor Melva Hobson, Mayor - Redland City Council.

State Government

- Mr Peter Dowling, Member for Redlands. *MP*

Federal Government

- Mr Andrew Laming MP, Member for Bowman.

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Election Commitment

CBRC / Cabinet related

ECM related