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Barrett Adolescent Centre

Welcome to our next update on the Barrett Adolescent Centre for 2013. We hope this newsletter helps keep you informed about Barrett Adolescent Centre. To have your say or if you would like more information, please email [\[redacted\]](#)

Kind regards
Sharon Kelly
Executive Director Mental Health & Specialised Services
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Visit by a Leading Child and Youth Mental Health Expert

We will be hosting a visit from a leading inter-state Child and Youth Mental Health expert on the 10 and 11 of December 2013. West Moreton HHS will be holding an information session for the parents and carers of current patients of Barrett Adolescent Centre (BAC), providing them with an opportunity to hear about mental health services for adolescents in Victoria. Further details of the session will be sent to parents and carers shortly. As part of the session, Children's Health Queensland (CHQ) HHS will also be present and will conduct focussed consultation on the future service models.

Contact from Executive Director, Mental Health and Specialised Services (MH&SS)

Over the last week Sharon Kelly, Executive Director, MH&SS personally called each of the parents and carers of current consumers at BAC. This was an important process for directly updating everyone with recent information, and it was another valuable opportunity to hear about the experiences and needs of the current families of BAC so that we can incorporate feedback into our change process. These phone calls will be followed up with personalised letters to each of the parents and carers to provide a reflection on the discussions held.

Transitional Service Options for 2014

Recent information received from CHQ HHS has indicated that some of the future service options will not be fully operational for possibly 12 months. Following through with our commitment to ensure there is no gap to service delivery, West Moreton HHS will work with other service partners to provide transitional services for current BAC consumers and other eligible adolescents while the future services are being finalised. We are planning day program and supported accommodation options, with enhanced community mental health service provision for adolescents with extended care needs. We will implement the programs in February 2014, which will also serve as a pilot for the future service options being developed by CHQ HHS. We will keep you informed of the progress of this work.

BAC Holiday Program

In order to provide additional support for the adolescents of BAC over the coming school holidays, an activity-based program will be delivered across the December/January school break. West Moreton HHS will partner with a non-government service provider to develop and establish a program for current BAC adolescents. More detail will be provided directly to families and consumers over the next couple of weeks.

Date: Wednesday, 20 November 2013

