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Good morning,

I wish to provide you with further information in regards to the progression of the Barrett Adolescent Strategy following announcements last evening.

The West Moreton Hospital and Health Board considered the documentation put forward by the Planning Group in May 2013 and all seven recommendations made by the Expert Clinical Reference Group (ECRG) with the additional comments from the planning group were accepted. Further key stakeholder consultation was then conducted with the Department of Health, the Queensland Mental Health Commissioner, the Department of Education Training and Employment, and Children's Health Queensland.

The work of the ECRG, the Planning Group and the subsequent consultation process has enabled us to progress the Strategy to the next phase. As identified in an announcement yesterday, adolescents requiring extended mental health treatment and rehabilitation will receive services through a new range of contemporary service options from early 2014. Young people receiving care from Barrett Adolescent Centre at that time will be supported to transition to other contemporary care options that best meet their individual needs.

Importantly, our goal in West Moreton Hospital and Health Service continues to be to ensure that adolescents requiring mental health extended treatment and rehabilitation will receive the most appropriate care for their individual needs. We will also continue to provide information and support as needed to staff at the Barrett Adolescent Centre. The transition process will be managed carefully to ensure that there is no gap to service provision.

For further information about Barrett Adolescent Centre and the planning for new statewide service options in adolescent mental health extended treatment and rehabilitation, please find attached a media statement, a copy of the ECRG recommendations submitted to the West Moreton Hospital and Health Board, and a FAQ sheet.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on

Regards

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