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SUBJECT: Briefing update for Election Commitment 147: Rebuilding intensive mental healthcare for young people

Issues

1. On 7 August 2015, the Deputy Director-General, Clinical Excellence Division requested an updated briefing on Election Commitment 147: *Rebuilding intensive mental healthcare for young people*. The specific actions of Election Commitment 147 are to provide expanded day services in a number of locations and review the role of Assertive Mobile Youth Outreach Services (AMYOS) and Youth Residential Rehabilitation (Youth Resi) services.
2. Milestones for Election Commitment 147 are on-track. Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service (CHQ HHS) will report to the Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs Branch and the Youth Mental Health Commitment Committee (YMHCC) on mental health services for young people, including AMYOS and Youth Resi services, in December 2015.
3. The project plan 'Rebuilding intensive mental healthcare for young people – South East Queensland and State-wide Components' has been developed to provide clear recommendations to assist Government implement mental health election commitments 146 and 147 (Attachment 1). This project includes the establishment of the YMHCC.
4. Election commitment 146 includes actions to establish a new tier 3 sub-acute facility with up to 22 beds for young people with serious mental issues in south east Queensland including a 20 place day program, an integrated special purpose school, step-down accommodation and family accommodation.
5. In June 2015, Cabinet Budget Review Committee (CBRC) approved 2015-2016 funding of \$2.77 million to deliver Election Commitment 148, to establish Youth Resi services and family accommodation in Townsville. Planning for additional services will be considered and further advice sought from CBRC for Election Commitments 146 and 147 once implementation options have been fully investigated.

Background

6. Adolescent Day Programs, AMYOS and Youth Resi services are three components of the Adolescent Mental Health Extended Treatment Initiative (AMHETI) developed by CHQ HHS to provide young people and their families access to mental health services in the least restrictive environment as close to their home and community as possible.
7. Adolescent Day Programs provide flexible, less restrictive treatment interventions that integrate with educational or vocational programs. A new Day Program was established in north Brisbane under AMHETI and commenced services in January 2015, in addition to the three existing Day Programs in south Brisbane, Toowoomba and Townsville, run by HHSs.
8. AMYOS teams provide ongoing recovery-oriented assessment, assertive treatment and care through intensive mobile interventions in a community or residential setting. Nine AMYOS teams are funded across Queensland. Six are operational (north Brisbane, south Brisbane, Redcliffe Caboolture, Logan, Toowoomba and Townsville). Gold Coast is currently undertaking a second round of recruitment to establish an AMYOS team. Cairns and Central Queensland AMYOS teams were funded in May 2015 under the Keriba Omasker Healing Response and are currently being established.
9. Youth Resi services provide long term accommodation and recovery-oriented treatment in partnership with community managed organisations and mental health specialists. Youth Resi services currently operate in Greenslopes and Cairns and will be expanded to include two new services in Townsville. A procurement process to engage a quality service provider is currently underway for the four Youth Resi services, with an Invitation to Offer released on QTenders on 14 August 2015.

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- 10. The YMHCC will oversight implementation planning and provide advice relating to the election commitments including evidence-based models of service, service planning and implementations options. It is anticipated the YMHCC will be established in September 2015.
- 11. The recommendations of the YMHCC will be will be guided by the directions of the *Queensland Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol Services Plan 2016-2021* due for completion in November 2015 and the findings of the Commission of Inquiry into the Barrett Adolescent Centre.

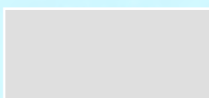
Consultation

- 12. Ingrid Adamson, Project Manager, Child and Youth Mental Health Services, CHQ HHS provided advice on progress of milestones related to Election Commitment 147.

Attachments

- 13. Attachment 1: Rebuilding intensive mental healthcare for young people – South East Queensland and Statewide Components.

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Director-General's comment

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Thank you for this update. It is very useful	

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