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QUEENSLAND HEALTH BRIEF FOR NOTING

Our Ref: MI164394 **MO: 09000389**
Date: 9 February 2010
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 Jimmy Sullivan, Senior Policy Advisor

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- That you note the contents of this brief and the attached letter of response – MI164394 (Attachment 1).

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 and the new facility will be an Adolescent Extended Treatment Centre located on land within the Redland Hospital site.
- This site at the Redland Hospital was identified as the preferred option by a site selection evaluation subgroup supported by Dr Aaron Groves, Executive Director, Mental Health Directorate, in response to a commitment made in the *Queensland Plan for Mental Health 2007-2017*, which amongst other items, seeks to invest in new and upgraded inpatient services.
- The site at Redland Hospital was originally purchased by Queensland Health for the purpose of ensuring an adequate land bank for future expansion of services in response to future population growth predictions. It was not purchased primarily to accommodate the re-location of the Barrett Adolescent Care Unit.
- 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 Service is working with relevant staff from within the Health, Infrastructure and Planning Division to deliver on this project.
- The "Report of the site evaluation sub group – site options paper for the redevelopment of the Barrett Adolescent Centre, October 2008 is provided in Attachment 2.
- This site selection was endorsed by the Mental Health Capital Works Working Group (refer to Attachment 3).
- The project definition plan and design development are scheduled for March 2010.

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- Construction is expected to commence around December 2010 with the commissioning of the relocated facility expected to take place 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.
- The current location has been identified by some child and youth clinicians as not a suitable location for the Unit, despite the findings of the site selection evaluation subgroup.
- 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.
- 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 local consultative forum took place at The Park on 17 December 2008.
- Consultation was held with the Child and Youth Design Reference Group on 17 December 2008.
- 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.
- Consultation was conducted with the Health Reform Consultative Committee on 10 February 2009.
- 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.
- In the next six months Redland Hospital will be holding community information sessions regarding changes to Redland services. Mental Health will be including information regarding the Adolescent Extended Treatment Centre in these information sessions.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- Indicative budget forecast including contribution to land purchase is \$15.891 million.

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