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Wednesday, 4 February 2015 5:26 PM

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Subject:

Barrett teleconference

Michael,

Apologies for not running this by you sooner. The points for discussion I came up with were belowdo you have others?

Teleconference to discuss emerging issues regarding the Barrett Adolescent Centre Closure

- 1. Coronial Inquest
- 2. Commission of Inquiry

Potential Parties involved:

- West Moreton HHS
- Children's HHS
- Metro North HHS
- Metro South HHS
- Department of Health
- Individuals requiring separate representation
- Individuals with insurers (MDO's)
- The 3 families
- DEET
- 3. Legal representation for inquest and/or Commission of Inquiry
- 4. Indemnity process for individuals
- 5. Production of documents
- 6. Significant litigation reporting to DJAG/AG (criteria of 5.3 of the Guidelines)
- 7. Health Service Investigation Report

Regards Annette

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Barrett Briefs from WMHHS

Attachments:

BR058108 - BAC - Dec 2013 - WM Brief.pdf; BR058295 - Update of the BAC - Jan 2014 - WM Brief.pdf; BR058496 - Realignment of BAC Services March 2014 - WM Brief.pdf; BR057157 - BAC Strategy Meeting - July 2013 - WM Brief.pdf; BR058395 -

Update of BAC - Jan 2014 - WM Brief.pdf

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Hi Vanessa

Here are the briefs that I could find. I obtained copies of them from records last year, there may be more that the HHS can provide though. Let me know if this is what you are after.

Thanks

Gail

Gail Read

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Briefing Note for Noting

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Proposal

That the Director-General:

Note update on the Barrett Adolescent Centre (BAC) and the media announcement scheduled for Friday, 10 January 2014 at 10.30 am.

Provide this brief to the Minister for information.

Urgency

 Urgent – the Minister's Office has requested an urgent update on BAC, including a time and date for a media announcement.

Headline Issues

- 2. The top issues are:
 - in August 2013, the Minister for Health announced that adolescents requiring extended mental health treatment and rehabilitation will receive services through a new range of contemporary service options from early 2014. Children's Health Queensland (CHQ) Hospital and Health Service (HHS) is responsible for the governance of the new service options to be implemented as part of its statewide role in providing healthcare for Queensland's children
 - the Minister for Health and West Moreton Hospital and Health Board gave a public commitment to ongoing provision of safe and comprehensive clinical care for BAC consumers during the transition to the new statewide adolescent extended treatment and rehabilitation services
 - a flexible closure date of the end of January 2014 for the BAC building has been announced. This date may change dependent on all consumers having appropriate transition plans in place and continuity of service delivery.

Blueprint

- 3. How does this align with the Blueprint for better healthcare in Queensland?
 - providing Queenslanders with value in health services value for taxpayers' money
 - better patient care in the community setting, utilising safe, sustainable and responsive service models – delivering best patient care.

Key Issues

- 4. An opportunity for a media announcement has been identified for the Minister and Chairs of the West Moreton and CHQ Hospital and Health Boards on Friday, 10 January 2014 at 10.30 am. A joint media statement from West Moreton and CHQ HHSs will be provided closer to the date and time:
- 5. West Moreton HHS, in consultation with CHQ HHS, the Department of Health and a non-government service provider continues to process the planning of the transition service options for current BAC consumers and other eligible adolescents. The proposal (subject to final approval) consists of the following elements to be delivered in partnership with a non-government service provider:

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Activity Based Holiday Program (Phase 1 – from mid December 2013 until end January 2014)

 West Moreton HHS Transition Service incorporating an intensive mobile outreach service, day program and supported accommodation (Phase 2 - from February 2014 until December 2014)

 Transition to Statewide Adolescent Extended Treatment and Rehabilitation Services (Phase 3 mid to late 2014).

6. CHQ HHS has advised that the model of care under development is nearing completion, with work being undertaken to finalise the details of all options. Detailed implementation planning will then commence enhancing existing service provision, and establishing new care options. Some service options will be available earlier than others, and implementation will be ongoing as funding and resources are made available.

Background

7. The new statewide service options are being developed as a priority and will be rolled out as a priority across the next six to 12 months. In order to ensure there is no gap to service delivery, West Moreton HHS commenced planning interim service options for current BAC consumers and other eligible adolescents across the State that would benefit from extended treatment and rehabilitation.

Consultation

- 8. Ms Ingrid Adamson, Project Manager, Statewide Adolescent Extended Treatment and Rehabilitation, Office of Strategy, CHQ HHS
- At all times, Mr Michael Cleary, Deputy Director-General, Health Service and Clinical Innovation Division, and Mr Bill Kingswell, Executive Director, Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs Branch, have been kept informed of interim service planning and future model of care developments through participation on the Chief Executive and Department of Health Oversight Committee.
- West Moreton and CHQ Hospital and Health Board Secretaries.

Attachments

11. Nil

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Recommendation
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Provide this brief to the Minister for information.

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- 5. Following the transfer of the above patient to an correspondence was received from Ms Alison Earls communicating concern that patients were being moved to facilitate an earlier closure date of BAC. Contact has been made with parents/carers of BAC to provide assurances that transfers will occur on the basis of individual care needs and that they are not due to an earlier closure date of BAC. Given the potential focus of media on the final stages of BAC closure during January 2014, it is important to reconsider the planned date of 10 January 2014 as a media announcement of the future statewide model of service.
- As Inpatients transition to alternative appropriate care options, clinical staff are reviewing on a daily basis the requirements of delivering a clinically and therapeutically appropriate service to the remaining inpatients at BAC.

It is the clinical opinion of senior staff that BAC should not stay open if only one inpatient is remaining as this is not clinically or therapeutically appropriate. Additionally the mix and gender of inpatients will be taken into account.

8. West Moreton and CHQ will provide updates to the Minister's Office to keep them informed of the changing clinical needs of the consumers and the advice from clinicians to safely and actively manage this transition process for each individual consumer.

The patients on the waitlist for BAC have been reviewed by the Clinical Care Transition Panel to ensure that all clinical needs are being met appropriately.

10. The holiday program is currently being delivered at BAC in partnership with Aftercare. In the first week there has been positive participation and feedback from day patients and inpatients with on average four young people in attendance each day. This program will continue until 24 January 2014 (excluding public holidays and weekends).

11. BAC staff have received letters detailing the abolishment of their positions and the options available to them. Support and information is being provided through West Moreton HHS

Workforce Division and through line managers of the staff.

Background

- 12. In August 2013 the Minister for Health announced that adolescents requiring extended mental health treatment and rehabilitation will receive services through a new range of contemporary service options from early 2014. CHQ is responsible for the governance of the new service options to be implemented as part of its statewide role in providing healthcare for Queensland's children.
- 13. The Minister for Health and West Moreton HHS Board gave a public commitment to ongoing provision of safe and comprehensive clinical care for BAC consumers during the transition to the new statewide adolescent extended treatment and rehabilitation services.
- 14. West Moreton will continue to monitor all aspects of the impending closure of BAC on a daily basis including consultation and liaison with the Department of Health, MHAODB and CHQ.
- 15. Regular contact is provided with the parents/carers of BAC consumers by the BAC clinical team and executive staff of West Moreton. This is being managed through personal emails, phone calls and ongoing BAC Fast Fact Sheets.

Consultation

- 16. Dr Stephen Stathis, Clinical Director, Child and Youth Mental Health Services, Children's Health Queensland HHS.
- 17. Dr Anne Brennan, A/Clinical Director, BAC, West Moreton HHS.
- 18. Dr Bill Kingswell, Executive Director, Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs Branch.

Attachments

19. Nil.

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Recommendation

That the Director-General:

Note the current status of consumers and the changing clinical environment at the Barrett Adolescent Centre (BAC).

Note the recommendation that the date of the proposed media event for 10 January 2014 be reconsidered to occur post closure of BAC.

Approve the recommendation to convene a Director-General (Queensland Health) to Director-General (Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services) meeting to progress two consumer transition plans.

Provide this brief to the Minister for Information.

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Director-General's comments

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Briefing Note for Noting

The Honourable Lawrence Springborg MP Minister for Health



Requested by: Chief Executive, West Moreton Hospital and Health Service

SUBJECT: Update on the Barrett Adolescent Centre

Recommendation
That the Minister:

Note the Barrett Adolescent Centre (BAC) facility, West Moreton Hospital and Health Service (HHS) has a flexible closure date of end of January 2014.

Note that all current consumers of BAC have comprehensive multidisciplinary transition planning occurring to ensure appropriate and individual care plans are developed in association with local HHSs and other key service providers, and that there is no gap to service delivery.

Note the daily monitoring of the changing clinical environment and consumer mix at BAC to ensure that the environment remains therapeutic during the change process and that the best care options are being provided to each individual consumer.

Note the recommendation that the proposed media event (10 January 2014) regarding future statewide adolescent service options be rescheduled to February, post closure of BAC facility.

Note the critical accommodation needs for two inpatients of BAC and the recommendation to escalate to the Director-General, Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disabilities.

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Briefing Note for Approval

Director-General

Requested by: Chief Executive, West Moreton Hospital and Health Service

Action required by: 24 December 2014

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Proposal .

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Provide this brief to the Minister for information.

Urgency

1. Urgent - the change processes associated with BAC warrants close monitoring of the clinical environment.

Headline Issues

2. The top issues are:

A flexible closure date of the end of January 2014 for the BAC building has been announced and individual consumer transition plans are progressing accordingly.

Communication and support to BAC consumers and parents/carers has been increased throughout the final stages of the BAC change process.

On the basis of a fluid clinical environment leading up to the closure of BAC, it is recommended that consideration be given to rescheduling the media statement proposed for 10 January 2014 to a date in February.

3. How does this align with the Blueprint for Better Healthcare in Queensland?

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Key issues

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2. From early February, the Mater Hospital will provide interim subacute inpatient beds until new funding is sourced for a longer term bed-based option in the Lady Cliento Children's Hospital.

3. Recruitment processes for a Statewide Panel, six Assertive Mobile Outreach Service (AMYOS) Teams, and two Psychiatrists are under way, with the first appointments being made from March. The AMYOS Teams will be located in north Brisbane, south Brisbane, Townsville, Darling Downs, Gold Coast, and Redoliffe/Caboolture.

 A new Day Program Unit will be established in north Brisbane by June 2014. This will be in addition to existing Day Program Units located at the Mater Hospital, Toowoomba, and Townsville.

Further investigation being conducted into an opportunity to construct a new Step Up/Step
Down Unit in Calrns utilising funding identified by the Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drugs
Branch.

Note the first phase of service implementation will utilise existing recurrent funding from the BAC and the ceased Redlands Project. Implementation of the full proposed model of care is dependent upon new operational and capital funding. A business case seeking recurrent funding for service implementation over a four year limeframe will be submitted.

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Minister for Health Chief of Staff

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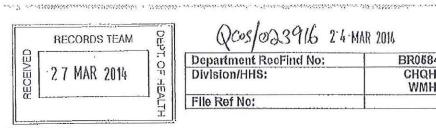
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The Honourable Lawrence Springborg MP Minister for Health

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SUBJECT: Barrett Adolescent Strategy Meeting

Recommendation

That the Minister:

Note a meeting has been scheduled for 4pm on Monday 15-July 2013, with the West Moreton Board Chair, Chief Executive, and Executive Director of Mental Health, to discuss the next stages of the Barrett Adolescent Strategy.

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Provide this brief to the Minister for information.

Urgency

 Urgent - There is growing concern amongst stakeholders of the Barrett Adolescent Strategy, including patients and carers, to receive communication about the future of the Barrett Adolescent Centre (BAC).

Headline Issues

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 - The West Moreton Hospital and Health Board considered the recommendations of the Expert Clinical Reference Group on 24 May 2013.
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Background

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Consultation

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- 11. Agreement has been reached that the Strategy will be finalised through a partnership between West Moreton HHS, Children's Health Services, and the Department of Health.

Attachments

12. Attachment 1: Agenda Barrett Adolescent Strategy.

Attachment 2: Issues and Incident Management Plan BAC.

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Proposed Service Model Elements Adolescent Extended Treatment and Rehabilitation Services (AETRS)

Preamble

Mental health disorders are the most prevalent illnesses affecting adolescents today. Of particular note is the considerable evidence that adolescents with persisting and severe symptomatology are those most likely to carry the greatest burden of illness into adult life. Despite this, funding for adolescent (and child) mental health services is not proportional to the identified need and burden of disease that exists.

In the past 25 years, a growing range of child and youth mental health services have been established by Queensland Health (and other service providers) to address the mental health needs of children and adolescents. These services deliver mental health assessment and treatment interventions across the spectrum of mental illness and need, and as a service continuum, provide care options 24 hours a day, seven days a week. No matter where an adolescent and their family live in Queensland, they are able to access a Child and Youth Mental Health Service (CYMHS) community clinic or clinician (either via direct access through their Hospital and Health Service, or through telehealth facilities). Day Programs have been established for adolescents in South Brisbane, Toowoomba and Townsville. Acute mental health inpatient units for adolescents are located in North Brisbane, Logan, Robina, South Brisbane and Toowoomba, and soon in Townsville (May/June 2013). A statewide specialist multidisciplinary assessment, and integrated treatment and rehabilitation program (The Barrett Adolescent Centre [BAC]) is currently delivered at The Park Centre for Mental Health (TPCMH) for adolescents between 13 and 17 years of age with severe, persistent mental illness. This service also offers an adolescent Day Program for BAC consumers and non-BAC consumers of West Moreton Hospital and Health Service.

Consistent with state and national mental health reforms, the decentralisation of services, and the reform of TPCMH site to offer only adult forensic and secure mental health services, the BAC is unable to continue operating in its current form at TPCMH. Further to this, the current BAC building has been identified as needing substantial refurbishment. This situation necessitates careful consideration of options for the provision of mental health services for adolescents (and their families/carers) requiring extended treatment and rehabilitation in Queensland, Consequently, an Expert Clinical Reference Group (ECRG) of child and youth mental health clinicians, a consumer representative, a carer representative, and key stakeholders was convened by the Barrett Adolescent Strategy Planning Group to explore and identify alternative service options for this target group.

Between 1 December 2012 and 24 April 2013 the ECRG met regularly to define the target group and their needs, conduct a service gap analysis, consider community and sector feedback, and review a range of contemporary, evidence-based models of care and service types. This included the potential for an expanded range of day programs across Queensland and community mental health service models delivered by non-government and/or private service providers. The ECRG

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Barrett Adolescent Strategy

Expert Clinical Reference Group

have considered evidence and data from the field, national and international benchmarks, clinical expertise and experience, and consumer and carer feedback to develop a service model elements document for Adolescent Extended Treatment and Rehabilitation Services in Queensland. This elements document is not a model of service—it is a conceptual document that delineates the key components of a service continuum type for the identified target group. As a service model elements document, it will not define how the key components will function at a service delivery level, and does not incorporate funding and implementation planning processes.

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- Tier 2a Adolescent Day Program Services (existing + new);
- Tier 2b Adolescent Community Residential Service/s (new); and
- Tier 3 Statewide Adolescent Inpatient Extended Treatment and Rehabilitation Service (new).

The final service model elements document produced was cognisant of constraints associated with funding and other resources (e.g., there is no capital funding available to build BAC on another site). The ECRG was also mindful of the current policy context and direction for mental health services as informed by the National Mental Health Policy (2008) which articulates that 'non acute bed-based services should be community based wherever possible'. A key principle for child and youth mental health services, which is supported by all members of the ECRG, is that young people are treated in the least restrictive environment possible, and one which recognises the need for safety and cultural sensitivity, with the minimum possible disruption to family, educational, social and community networks.

The ECRG comprised of consumer and carer representatives, and distinguished child and youth mental health clinicians across Queensland and New South Wales who were nominated by their peers as leaders in the field. The ECRG would like to acknowledge and draw attention to the input of the consumer and carer representatives. They highlighted the essential role that a service such as BAC plays in recovery and rehabilitation, and the staff skill and expertise that is inherent to this particular service type. While there was also validation of other CYMHS service types, including community mental health clinics, day programs and acute inpatient units, it was strongly articulated that these other service types are not as effective in providing safe, medium-term extended care and rehabilitation to the target group focussed on here. It is understood that BAC cannot continue in its current form at TPCMH. However, it is the view of the ECRG that like the Community Care Units within the adult mental health service stream, a design-specific and clinically staffed bed-based service is essential for adolescents who require medium-term extended care and rehabilitation. This type of care and rehabilitation program is considered lifesaving for young people, and is available currently in both Queensland and New South Wales (e.g., The Walker Unit).

The service model elements document (attached) has been proposed by the ECRG as a way forward for adolescent extended treatment and rehabilitation services in Queensland.



There are seven key messages and associated recommendations from the ECRG that need to underpin the reading of the document:

- Broader consultation and formal planning processes are essential in guiding the next steps
 required for service development, acknowledging that services need to align with the
 National Mental Health Service Planning Framework
- The proposed service model elements document is a conceptual document, not a model of service. Formal consultation and planning processes have not been completed as part of the ECRG course of action.
- In this concept proposal, Tier 2 maps to the Clinical Services Capability Framework for Public and Licensed Private Health Facilities Version 3.1 (CSCF) Level 5 and Tier 3 maps to CSCF Level 6.

Recommendations:

- a) Further work will be required at a statewide level to translate these concepts into a model of service and to develop implementation and funding plans.
- b) Formal planning including consultation with stakeholder groups will be required.
- Inpatient extended treatment and rehabilitation care (Tier 3) is an essential service component
- It is understood that the combination of day program care, residential community-based care and acute inpatient care has been identified as a potential alternative to the current BAC or the proposed Tier 3 in the following service model elements document.
- From the perspective of the ECRG, Tier 3 is an essential component of the overall concept, as there is a small group of young people whose needs cannot be safely and effectively met through alternative service types (as represented by Tiers 1 and 2).
- The target group is characterised by severity and persistence of illness, very limited or absent community supports and engagement, and significant risk to self and/or others. Managing these young people in acute inpatient units does not meet their clinical, therapeutic or rehabilitation needs.
- The risk of institutionalisation is considered greater if the young person receives medium-term care in an acute unit (versus a design-specific extended care unit).
- Clinical experience shows that prolonged admissions of such young people to acute units can have an adverse impact on other young people admitted for acute treatment.
- Managing this target group predominantly in the community is associated with complexities of risk to self and others, and also the risk of disengaging from therapeutic services.



Recommendation:

a) A Tier 3 service should be prioritised to provide extended treatment and rehabilitation for adolescents with severe and persistent mental illness.

3. Interim service provision if BAC closes and Tier 3 is not available is associated with risk

- Interim arrangements (after BAC closes and before Tier 3 is established) are at risk of offering sub optimal clinical care for the target group, and attention should be given to the therapeutic principles of safety and treatment matching, as well as efficient use of resources (e.g., inpatient beds).
- In the case of BAC being closed, and particularly if Tier 3 is not immediately available, a high priority and concern for the ECRG was the 'transitioning' of current BAC consumers, and those on the waiting list.
- Of concern to the ECRG is also the dissipation and loss of specialist staff skills and expertise in the area of adolescent extended care in Queensland if BAC closes and a Tier 3 is not established in a timely manner. This includes both clinical staff and education staff.

Recommendations:

- a) Safe, high quality service provision for adolescents requiring extended treatment and rehabilitation requires a Tier 3 service alternative to be available in a timely manner if BAC is closed.
- b) Interim service provision for current and 'wait list' consumers of BAC while Tier 3 service options are established must prioritise the needs of each of these individuals and their families/carers. 'Wrap-around care' for each individual will be essential.
- c) BAC staff (clinical and educational) must receive individual care and case management if BAC closes, and their specialist skill and knowledge must be recognised and maintained.

4. Duration of treatment

- A literature search by the ECRG identified a weak and variable evidence base for the recommended duration of treatment for inpatient care of adolescents requiring mental health extended treatment and rehabilitation.
- Predominantly, duration of treatment should be determined by clinical assessment and individual consumer need; the length of intervention most likely to achieve long term sustainable outcomes should be offered to young people.
- As with all clinical care, duration of care should also be determined in consultation with the young person and their guardian. Rapport and engagement with service providers is pivotal.

Recommendation:

a) 'Up to 12 months' has been identified by the ECRG as a reasonable duration of treatment, but it was noted that this depends on the availability of effective step-down services and a



suitable community residence for the young person. It is important to note that like all mental health service provision, there will be a range in the duration of admission.

5. Education resource essential: on-site school for Tiers 2 and 3

- " Comprehensive educational support underpins social recovery and decreases the likelihood of the long term burden of illness. A specialised educational model and workforce is best positioned to engage with and teach this target group.
- Rehabilitation requires intervention to return to a normal developmental trajectory, and successful outcomes are measured in psychosocial functioning, not just absence of psychiatric symptoms.
- Education is an essential part of life for young people. It is vital that young people are able to access effective education services that understand and can accommodate their mental health needs throughout the care episode.
- For young people requiring extended mental health treatment, the mainstream education system is frequently not able to meet their needs. Education is often a core part of the intervention required to achieve a positive prognosis.

Recommendations:

- a) Access to on-site schooling (including suitably qualified educators), is considered essential for Tiers 2 (day programs) and 3. It is the position of the ECRG that a Band 7 Specific Purpose School (provided by Department of Education, Training and Employment) is required for a Tier 3 service.
- b) As an aside, consideration should also be given to the establishment of a multi-site, statewide education service for children/adolescents in acute units (hub and spoke model).
- 6. Residential Service: Important for governance to be with CYMHS; capacity and capability requires further consideration
- There is no true precedent set in Queensland for the provision of residential or bed-based therapeutic community care (by non-government or private providers) for adolescents (aged up to 18 years) requiring extended mental health care.
- The majority of ECRG members identified concerns with regard to similar services available in the child safety sector. These concerns were associated with:
 - > Variably skilled/trained staff who often had limited access to support and supervision;
 - > High staff turn-over (impacting on consumer trust and rapport); and
 - > Variable engagement in collaborative practice with specialist services such as CYMHS.



Recommendations:

- a) It is considered vital that further consultation and planning is conducted on the best service model for adolescent non-government/private residential and therapeutic services in community mental health. A pilot site is essential.
- b) Governance should remain with the local CYMHS or treating mental health team.
- It is essential that residential services are staffed adequately and that they have clear service and consumer outcome targets.
- Equitable access to AETRS for all adolescents and families is high priority; need to enhance service provision in North Queensland (and regional areas)
- Equity of access for North Queensland consumers and their families is considered a high priority by the ECRG.

Recommendations:

- a) Local service provision to North Queensland should be addressed immediately by ensuring a full range of CYMHS services are available in Townsville, including a residential community-based service.
- b) If a decision is made to close BAC, this should not be finalised before the range of service options in Townsville are opened and available to consumers and their families/carers.

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Issues synopsis

SITUATION ANALYSIS:

- Barrett Adolescent Centre (BAC) is located within The Park Centre for Mental Health (The Park) and provides a state wide service of extended treatment and rehabilitation for up to 15 adolescents with severe and complex mental health disorders.
- As part of the Queensland Plan for Mental Health 2007-2017, a capital allocation had been approved to rebuild BAC in a new location as:
 - o The capital fabric of BAC is no longer able to meet the requirements of a contemporary model of care for adolescent extended treatment and rehabilitation; and
 - o In the future, the Park will become exclusively a secure and forensic mental health facility...
- It was planned to build the Adolescent Extended Treatment and Rehabilitation Unit Redlands, adjacent to the Redlands Hospital. It was to be commissioned in 2014. Due to environmental and other issues, the Project could not proceed and has now ceased.
- The capital allocation previously attached to the rebuild has been reallocated to other capital priorities and capital funding is no longer available for a rebuild of BAC.
- It has become imperative that:
 - o alternative contemporary service options be identified to replace the services currently provided by BAC; and
 - o an implementation plan be developed to achieve these outcomes.

MEDIA PROGNOSIS

- This issue has already attracted significant negative media attention and will continue to do so for some time.
- There is a perception that adolescents requiring longer term mental health inpatient treatment will no longer be able to access that type of treatment. There is also a perception by some that any model other than BAC would be sub-standard.
- To reassure the community it is necessary to reiterate that care for these adolescents will continue, and that any service options put forward will be based on best practice and will provide patients with the highest quality care that is appropriate to their individual needs.

MAJOR ISSUES AND RESPONSES / FAQs

Has the expert clinical reference group made any recommendations?

The expert clinical reference group met for the last time on 24 April 2013, and submitted their seven recommendations to the overarching Planning Group. These recommendations identified the key components and considerations for how Queensland can best meet the mental health needs of

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CURRENT STATUS

Media is aware of an impending decision regarding the future of Barrett Adolescent Centre.

KEY MESSAGES

- Adolescents requiring longer term mental health treatment will continue to receive the high quality of care suited to their individual needs.
- BAC will close at end of December 2013 when alternate service options will become available.
- The Park is secure and forensic adult mental health facility. As part of The Park, this means BAC is not an appropriate environment for the treatment of adolescents.

RECOMMENDED APPROACH

- Media holding statement in the first instance
- Media statement announcing decision
- Media statements progress updates
- FAQs
- Letters to stakeholders
- Standard Ministerial response

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RECORDS TEAM

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Requested by: Chiof Executive, West Moreton Hospital and Health Service

Action regulred by: 24 January 2014

SUBJECT: Update on the Barrett Adolescent Centre - closure of inpatient unit

Proposal

That the Director-General:

Note the current status of consumers and the changing clinical environment at the Barrett Adolescent Centre (BAC).

Provide this brief to the Minister for information.

Urgency

 Urgent - BAC is now in final stages of closure as an inpatient service and all remaining inpatients have been discharged to alternate care options from Friday 24 January 2014.

Headline Issues

- 2. The top issues are:
 - All remaining BAC consumers have been discharged to appropriate care options. The BAC service will remain open with reduced clinical staff for a period of time while they continue transitional support to all receiving services and finalise business requirements.

Blueprint How does this align with the Blueprint for Better Healthcare in Queensland?

- Providing Queenslanders with value in health services value for taxpayers' money.
- Better patient care in the community setting, utilising safe, sustainable and responsive service models – delivering best patient care.

Key issues

All BAC inpatients have been discharged and transitioned to appropriate care options. The remaining were transitioned this week:

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- The holiday program at BAC in partnership with Aftercare finished on 23 January 2014.
 Overall, there was good engagement from the young people in the program. All remaining day patients were discharged on 23 January 2013 to appropriate mental health care providers.
- 6. West Moreton and Children's Health Queensland (CHQ) are currently preparing a joint statement about the closure of BAC and announcement about the future models of care.

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Background

- 7. In August 2013, the Minister for Health announced that adolescents requiring extended mental health treatment and rehabilitation will receive services through a new range of contemporary service options from early 2014. CHQ is responsible for the governance of the new service options to be implemented as part of its statewide role in providing healthcare for Queensland's children.
- The Minister for Health and West Moreton HHS Board gave a public commitment to ongoing
 provision of safe and comprehensive clinical care for BAC consumers during the transition
 to the new statewide adolescent extended treatment and rehabilitation services.
- Regular contact has been provided with the parents/carers of BAC consumers by the BAC clinical team and executive staff of West Moreton. This is being managed through personal emails, phone calls and ongoing BAC Fast Fact Sheets.

Consultation

- 10. Dr Elisabeth Hoehn, A/Clinical Director, CHQ HHS.
- 11. Dr Anne Brennan, A/Clinical Director, BAC, West Moreton HHS.
- 12. Dr Bill Kingswell, Executive Director, Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs Branch.

Attachments Nil.

Recommendation

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