

PUBLIC HOSPITALS — SPACE FOR REFLECTION, MEDITATION AND PRAYER

1522. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Health

- (1) Which public hospitals in Western Australia have room set aside as space for reflection, meditation and/or prayer?
- (2) Which public hospitals do not have such dedicated spaces?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

- (1) Child and Adolescent Health Service

Princess Margaret Hospital — PMH has a dedicated Multifaith Centre. This includes a chapel, a Quiet Room or space for relaxation, meditation or counselling and a Salat Room (for Islamic Prayer) all of which are in constant use by parents, families and staff.

North Metropolitan Area Health Service

Graylands Hospital has a designated prayer area within the Pastoral Care facilities. Patients and staff have access to this area. Other areas are also made available for quiet reflection as required within ward areas.

Selby Lodge has a room that is used for prayer as well as other activities.

Osborne Lodge (Older Adult) has a snoezlen (pronounced snooze-len) room for the purpose of reflection and relaxation.

King Edward Memorial Hospital has a chapel, a Quiet Room (similar to Princess Margaret Hospital) and due to space limits, a Salat Room in a location separate to the chapel area.

Swan Kalamunda Health Service has dedicated prayer and contemplation areas on both campuses. A chapel/prayer room is available on the Swan campus and there are two small quiet rooms on the Kalamunda campus. Each space is ecumenical.

Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital (SCGH) has a dedicated Christian Chapel that is open to all people for reflection, meditation and prayer. It is on the ground floor of E block (Gairdner Avenue and Verdun Street entrance) and it is open 24/7 every day of the year. SCGH also has a dedicated Muslim Prayer Hall on the 1st floor of G block next to the hospital library for ritual prayer of Muslim patients and staff.

Osborne Park Hospital has a chapel in which anyone can access the room at any time.

South Metropolitan Area Health Service

Bentley Health Service has an on site Chapel available to all denominations. Patients, staff and visitors are welcome to freely use this Chapel for quiet time, private prayer or meditation.

Rockingham General Hospital has an Interfaith Chapel/Quiet Reflection room.

Murray Districts Hospital has a family retreat room.

Royal Perth Hospital Wellington Street Campus has an Interdenominational chapel and a Muslim prayer room. RPH Shenton Park Campus has an interdenominational chapel.

Fremantle Hospital and Health Service (Fremantle campus) has a dedicated room located on 'B' Block Level 4 which is non denominational and available for staff, patients and visitors to use for quiet reflection, meditation and or prayer.

WA Country Health Service

The following WA Country Health Service (WACHS) public hospitals have a room set aside as space for reflection, meditation and/or prayer:

WACHS — Kimberley: Broome Hospital and Derby Hospital.

WACHS — Great Southern: Albany Hospital; Denmark Hospital; Gnowangerup Hospital; Katanning Hospital; Kojonup Hospital; and Plantagenet Hospital.

WACHS — South West: Busselton Hospital; and Manjimup Hospital.

WACHS — Wheatbelt: Goomalling Hospital; Kununoppin Hospital; Merredin Hospital; Moora Hospital; and Northam Hospital.

WACHS — Midwest: Geraldton Hospital.

- (2) South Metropolitan Area Health Service

Armadale Health Service underwent a \$9 million redevelopment of the Emergency Department, which resulted in the loss of a dedicated Quiet Room. There are plans as part of Stage 1B to build a new dedicated Quiet Room. At present Sunday church services are held in the reception area of the Same Day Unit. At other times a room or space is made available on request for prayers, meditation or quiet time.

Kaleeya Hospital, which is located off the main Fremantle Hospital and Health Service campus does not have dedicated space for reflection, meditation and/or prayer but have made the social work office available for these needs.

WA Country Health Service

WACHS-Pilbara: Port Hedland Hospital; Nickol Bay Hospital; Newman Hospital; Tom Price Hospital; Paraburdoo Hospital; Onslow Hospital; and Roebourne Hospital.

WACHS-Goldfields: Kalgoorlie Hospital; Esperance Hospital; Laverton Hospital; Leonora Hospital; Norseman Hospital; and Ravensthorpe Hospital.

WACHS-Midwest: Northampton Hospital; Mullewa Hospital; Meekatharra Hospital; Carnarvon Hospital; Exmouth Hospital; Kalbarri Health Centre; Dongara Multipurpose Health Centre; Morawa Perenjori Health Centre; and North Midlands Hospital.

WACHS-South West: Bunbury Hospital; Donnybrook Hospital; Augusta Hospital; Margaret River Hospital; Collie Hospital; Harvey Hospital; Bridgetown Hospital; Boyup Brook Soldiers Memorial Hospital; Nannup Hospital; and Pemberton Hospital.

WACHS-Kimberley: Kununurra Hospital; Wyndham Hospital; Halls Creek Hospital; and Fitzroy Crossing Hospital.

WACHS-Wheatbelt: Beverley Hospital; Boddington Hospital; Bruce Rock Memorial Hospital; Corrigin Hospital; Cunderdin Hospital; Dalwallinu Hospital; Dumbleyung Memorial Hospital; Kellerberrin Memorial Hospital; Kondinin Hospital; Lake Grace Hospital; Pingelly Hospital; Narembeen Memorial Hospital; Narrogin Hospital; Quairading Hospital; Southern Cross Hospital; Wagin Hospital; Wongan Hills Hospital; Wyalkatchem-Koorda and Districts Hospital; and York Hospital.