

MENTAL HEALTH — SPECIALIST INPATIENT UNITS

88. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Mental Health:

- (1) How many beds are currently available in the specialist mental health inpatient units in Bunbury, Albany, Broome and Kalgoorlie?
- (2) What specific provisions are made by each of these specialist units for the admission of children or adolescents?
- (3) What facilities exist at these specialist units for children and adolescents to be separated from adults?
- (4) How many children and adolescents have been admitted to each of these specialist units in the past 12 months?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

(1)–(4) The answer I have is in tabular form, so I seek leave to have it incorporated in *Hansard*.

Leave granted. [See paper 276.]

The following material was incorporated —

Inpatient Unit	Albany	Broome	Bunbury	Kalgoorlie
Q1.	12	13 (A seclusion room can also be converted into a bed if required)	27	7
Q2.	Based on individual assessment of patient aged between 15 – 17 years, admission to the specialist unit is an option provided: 1. Parent/guardian consents to admission to adult unit 2. A 1:1 nurse special is in place for the admission 3. Regular review and assessment is undertaken to monitor the appropriateness of the admission. If the adult specialist unit is not appropriate for the admission – a child/adolescent can be admitted by a psychiatrist on paediatric unit with support provided by the Child Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)community team during the admission	Admission of adolescents considered on a case by case basis following risk assessment of the patient and taking into consideration ward acuity/mix of patients. Admission of children or adolescents may be considered to the adjacent paediatric unit in Broome hospital with inreach service provision from local Child and Adolescent Mental health service and psychiatrist. It is possible to support an appropriate boarder/chaperone for the duration of the admission on the mental health unit if required or provide a nurse 1-1 special for short term safety/security of the adolescent.	Rarely used for child and adolescent admissions. Children & adolescents admissions occur on the Bunbury Hospital General ward with specialist Consultant Psychiatrist and Psychiatric Liaison governance available throughout the admission.	Adherence to the Statewide Guidelines for management of Under 18s in Emergency Departments and inpatient services and do not admit children to the Ward. Adolescents are rarely admitted to the Ward and if so, they are always under 24 hour security or nursing escort, family member chaperone, or both. Children and adolescents are managed on the general wards primarily, with chaperone, nurse special or security escort, and transferred to the Bentley Child and Adolescent Specialist Unit as soon as possible if prolonged inpatient stay is required
Q3.	There is no ability to provide environmental separation of CAMHS patients – 1:1 nurse special and individualised management plan developed to provide safe appropriate separation or involvement in ward activities.	No specific facilities exist for separation of children and adolescents from adults. If the unit is required to manage an adolescent prior to transfer to a specialist child and adolescent mental health service, it is possible for the facility to manage the adolescent in the secure unit where they would be separate from adult	Adolescents admitted to the specialist Adult inpatient unit require 2:1 nursing special with CAMHS Consultant Psychiatrist medical oversight.	There are no separate facilities. As above, generally not applicable

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Q4.*	6	8	7	5

*Q4 Notes:

- Includes separations from specialised mental health wards.
 - Data are inclusive of the dates 13 May 2012 to 14 May 2013.
 - Child and adolescents are defined as those aged 0 to 17 years-old.
 - Of the total 26 separations, 17 were aged 17 years old on admission.
 - Source: Discharge Extract, Hospital Morbidity Data System.
 - Prepared by: Mental Health Data Collection.
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