

MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS, FUNDING CUTS

1363. Hon Derrick Tomlinson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
- (1) Which Mental Health Programs receive support from Government?
 - (2) Will the Minister list all Mental Health Programs subject to funding cuts since July 1 2003?
 - (3) By what sum has the financial allocation for 2003-04 for each of those programs been reduced?
 - (4) Which hospitals have Mental Health beds and how many?
 - (5) How many psychiatrists are employed in each Health Region?
 - (6) How many unfilled vacancies for psychiatrists are there in each Health Region?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

- (1) The Mental health program is provided to the State under the three intervention levels of prevention and promotion, diagnosis and treatment and continuing care. The target population and program types are listed below. Please refer to appendix A for service descriptions.

Specific target populations are identified for individual services. In general these populations are:

- Child and Adolescent: 0-18 years of age
- Adult: 18 years of age and over
- Elderly: 65+ years of age

MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

PREVENTION & PROMOTION

Primary Intervention

- Prevention and Promotion

Capacity Building

- Program Development
- Research and Evaluation
- Workforce Development

DIAGNOSIS & TREATMENT

Admitted Mental Health Program

- Mental Health Program - Inpatients

Non Admitted Mental Health Program

- Community Mental Health Services

Capacity Building

- Program Development
- Research and Evaluation
- Workforce Development

CONTINUING CARE

Admitted Mental Health Programs

- Non Acute -Admitted

Community Mental Health Programs

- Nursing Home / Hostel Program
- Supported Accommodation Programs
- Community Support
- Carer / Family Support
- Advocacy, Representation and Self Help
- Rehabilitation programs

Capacity Building

- Program Development
- Research and Evaluation
- Workforce Development

- (2) The following programs received a reduction in funding in 2003/04

Name of Program

Amount

| | |
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| Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Science, | |
| University of Western Australia - delayed clinical appointment | \$ 80 000 |
| Community based Multi-Systemic Therapy Program | \$1 200 000 |
| Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service Inc | \$ 270 000 |
| WA Consumer Advocacy Group | \$ 80 000 |
| Homelessness (South Metropolitan Mental Health Youth Service) | \$ 400 000 |
| Transcultural Mental Health Unit (Sessional Medical Officer) | \$ 25 807 |
| Emergency Department Consultation Liaison Service (Swan) Consultant Psychiatrist | \$ 180 000 |
| Family Early Intervention Program | \$ 200 000 |

(3) Please refer to question 2

(4) Designated Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitals and number of operational beds:

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| Albany Hospital | 9 beds |
| Armadale Hospital | 24 beds |
| Bentley Hospital | 97 beds |
| Bunbury Hospital | 15 beds |
| Fremantle Hospital | 66 beds |
| Geraldton | 3 beds |
| Graylands Hospital | 197 beds (including 38 Forensic beds) |
| Joondalup Hospital | 21 beds |
| Kalgoorlie Hospital | 7 beds |
| Mercy Hospital | 12 beds |
| Osborne Park Hospital | 24 beds |
| Princess Margaret Hospital | 8 beds |
| Royal Perth Hospital | 28 beds |
| Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital | 36 beds |
| Selby Authorised | 48 beds |
| Swan District Hospital | 41 beds |

Note: There are 5 beds dedicated to Rural and Remote patients located throughout the rural and remote regions, known as “rooming in” beds but they have not been included in the above count as they are not coded as designated psychiatric units.

(5) The number of Psychiatrists employed at each region are as follows:

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| North Metropolitan Health Service | 34.3 FTE |
| South Metropolitan Health Service | 17 FTE |
| East Metropolitan Health Service | 27.5 FTE |
| Women and Children's Health Service | 3.6 FTE |
| Wheatbelt | 0.8 FTE |
| Kimberley & Pilbara/ Gascoyne | 3 FTE |
| Great Southern | 1.35 FTE |
| South West Area Health Service | 3.05 FTE |
| Goldfields | 1.4 FTE |
| Midwest | 1.75 FTE |

(6) The number of unfilled vacancies for psychiatrists in each Health Region are:

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|-------------------------------------|---------|
| North Metropolitan Health Service | 1.5 FTE |
| South Metropolitan Health Service | 2.5 FTE |
| East Metropolitan Health Service | 0.5 FTE |
| Women and Children's Health Service | 0 FTE |
| Wheatbelt | 1 FTE |
| Kimberley & Pilbara/ Gascoyne | 0 FTE |
| Great Southern | 0 FTE |
| South West Area Health Service | 0 FTE |
| Goldfields | 0 FTE |
| Midwest | 0 FTE |

Appendix 1

MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

1. PREVENTION AND PROMOTION

Service Description

Primary prevention activities targeting interventions which prevent or reduce mental morbidity and promote mental health and wellbeing. Programs are directed either at the whole population or at specific groups within the population.

Additionally these interventions can be directed at individuals, particularly those with predisposing risk factors, which increase their chances of developing a mental illness.

2. DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT

ADMITTED PATIENT PROGRAM

Service Description

Provision of an acute inpatient assessment, treatment, consultancy and emergency services for individuals requiring admission for diagnostic conditions as specified in the Mental Health program.

NON ADMITTED PATIENT PROGRAM

Service Description

Provision of a comprehensive range of community services for people with mental health disorders which may include emergency assessment and treatment services, case management services, supported accommodation services, and psychogeriatric assessment and day programs.

Services may be provided in a clinic environment or in the patient's own home.

3. CONTINUING CARE

Service Description

Provision of a range of ongoing, community based support. Services are provided in a manner that promotes continuity of care through integration with other health services and non-government providers.