

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE (Of which some notice has been given)

Wednesday, 3 December 2014

Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health

I refer to the Christmas and New Year shut down arrangements for metropolitan public hospital clinical services and elective surgery theatres, and ask:

1. What will be the average shut down and restricted services period for metropolitan hospitals during the upcoming Christmas and New Year period?
2. For each metropolitan hospital, what are the proposed dates of the upcoming shut down period and restriction on services?
3. If it is longer than 2 weeks at any metropolitan hospital, what are the reasons for the extended closure?
4. Will any non-metropolitan hospitals shut down or have restricted services for longer than 2 weeks and if so which hospitals and for how long will this apply for each hospital?

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. The following has been provided to me by the Minister for Health.

Child and Adolescent Health Service (CAHS)

1. Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH) medical beds over the Christmas and New Year period, including January, are managed based on demand. Service are not being restricted with the exception of elective surgery.
Emergency surgical activity and urgent surgical need will be catered for over this period.
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Acute Services will not be restricted.
Elective surgery will not be undertaken.
2. At Princess Margaret Hospital from noon 24 December 2014 to 12 January 2015.
3. Parents and families do not wish to have their elective procedure during this time.
Efficient utilisation of resources in alignment with activity planning.
Facilitation of equipment service and facilities maintenance occurs during this time.
Surgical staff do take advantage of this period to take some annual leave.

4. Not applicable.

Fiona Stanley Hospital (FSH)

1. For services closing during the Christmas and New Year period at Fiona Stanley Hospital, the average closure period is 2 weeks.
2. The following Fiona Stanley Hospital service closures will occur during the Christmas and New Year period
 - Pre-Admission Clinic and Day Surgery, closed 22 December 2014 to 6 January 2015
 - Theatre and Post Anaesthetic Care Unit (except elective and emergency caesarean sections), closed 19 December 2014 to 4 January 2015
 - Outpatients, including State Rehabilitation Service Outpatients, closed 22 December 2014 to 4 January 2015
 - Obstetric and Midwifery Clinics and the Hyperbaric Service are operating normal hours, closing only on public holidays.
3. Not Applicable.
4. Not Applicable.

North Metropolitan Health Service (NMHS)

1. Swan District Hospital: Two weeks (theatre – except for emergencies)
Kalamunda Hospital: Two weeks (theatre – except for emergencies)
Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital: Refer to 2 (answers vary for different departments).
Osborne Park Hospital:
Area Mental Health Service: 3 weeks (community clinics)
King Edward Memorial Hospital: Three weeks (theatre – except for emergencies).
Joondalup Hospital: Shut down: Emergency Obstetrics and ECT: Zero. For Cardiac Cath Bal: 2 weeks. Public elective surgery: 3 weeks.
2. Swan District Hospital: Monday 22 December – Friday 2 January
Kalamunda Hospital: Monday 22 December – Friday 2 January
Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital:
Beds: 30 beds on ward G73 will close for 5 weeks for refurbishment from 15 December 2014.
Theatres:
During Public Holiday periods there will be two fully staffed Emergency Theatres available.
From the week commencing 22 December 2014 for 3 weeks 8 fully staffed theatres will be available for a combination of Emergency and Elective Surgery.
From the week commencing 12 January 2014 10 fully staffed theatres will be available for a combination of Emergency and Elective Surgery
Full Theatre activity will recommence 19 January 2015.

Short Stay Unit – Day Surgery, 23 hour and 47 hours Unit:

Closed for a period commencing the 22 December to 12 January 2015 in line with emergency theatres only. To reopen the week commencing the 12 January 2015 to link with the increase in theatres from 8 to 10.

Pre Admission Unit:

Closed for 2 weeks from the week commencing 22 December 2014. Reopen the week commencing the 5 January 2015 to ensure elective cases are pre-admitted for the week commencing the 12 January.

Outpatients Department

Emergency clinics for 3 weeks from the week commencing 22 December 2014. Will resume normal activity from Monday 12 January 2014.

Cardiac Cath Lab

During public holiday periods on call staff available to perform emergency cases. Emergency and inpatients cases only on the 29, 30 and 31 December 2014 and the week commencing Monday 5 January 2015. Return to normal activity from Monday 12 January 2015. This links with the reopening of Day Procedure Unit.

Neurological Interventional and Imaging Service of Western Australia

Emergencies only for 3 weeks – 22 December to 10 January 2015, then return to normal activity.

Osborne Park Hospital (theatres): Closed from the 24 December 2014 to the 4 January 2015. Reopen week of the 5 January 2015.

Area Mental Health Service:

Creative Expression Centre for Art Therapy (CECAT): 22 December 2014 – 5 January 2015

Reflections Art Studio (RAS) - 22 December 2014 – 5 January 2015

Osborne Park Older Adult Mental Health Service Day Therapy Unit - 22 December 2014 – 12 January 2015

Swan Older Adult Mental Health Service - 18 December 2014 – 6 January 2015

Joondalup Older Adult Mental Health Service - 22 December 2014 – 5 January 2015

King Edward Memorial Hospital (theatres – non emergency): 25 December 2014 to 12 January 2015.

Joondalup Hospital - Public elective theatre – 22 December 2014 to 9 Jan 2015.

Cardiac Cath Lab: 22 December 2014 to 2 January 2015.

3. Swan District Hospital: Due to surgeon leave.

Kalamunda Hospital:

Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital:

- This year's proposed consolidation in clinical services is based on a review of the 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14 acute and elective activity as measured by CapPlan.
- In addition, it was identified that there was a requirement to refurbish an inpatient ward due to ongoing facility issues.

- A planned approach using the most appropriate time to complete this work was determined to be during the Christmas, New Year and January period when the elective and acute demand is projected to be lower.

Area Mental Health Service:

For Older Adult Mental Health Service community clinic (based at Osborne Park Hospital): Staff leave.

For Older Adult Mental Health Service community clinic (based at Swan District Hospital): Staff leave.

King Edward Memorial Hospital: Management of staff leave and theatre refurbishment.

Joondalup Hospital: Extended Elective Closure is due to: Surgeon availability/ Leave; opportunity to provide other staff with leave; nil cases over boundary activity and budget management.

4. Not applicable.

South Metropolitan Health Service (SMHS)

1. South Metropolitan Health Service sites will generally have restricted services from close of business 19 December – 4 January 2014 (2 weeks). There are some exceptions to this, as detailed in the response to Question 2.

2. Armadale Health Service

Full services to continue up to close of business 24 December 2014 and will resume on 5 January 2014, with the exception of Public Holiday and weekend on-call obstetrics cover. There will also be some sessions for emergency and planned obstetrics; emergency general surgery; emergency orthopaedics on 29, 30, 31 December 2014 and 2 January 2015.

Fremantle Hospital

Full services will continue until 19 December 2014. Between the 19 December 2014 and 4 January 2015, Fremantle Hospital will provide limited services as follows:

- trauma, emergency surgery and urgent Category 1 elective procedures only between 22 – 24 December 2014; and 29 – 31 December 2014
- trauma and emergency surgery only between 25 – 28 December 2014; and 1- 4 January 2015.

Rockingham General Hospital

Full services will continue up to close of business 19 December 2014. Elective surgery will close from between 20 December 2014 through to 4 January 2015, with normal operating hours resuming on 5 January 2015. Obstetric services will be maintained with planned obstetric lists and 24 hour emergency cover during this time. There will be some reduction in Outpatient Clinic services due to specialist leave. Ward closures in this period include the 16 bed multi stay surgical unit and the 22 bed day procedure unit.

Royal Perth Group

Wellington Street Campus

Full services in clinics will continue up until 22 December 2014 and then in a limited capacity (emergency clinics) through to 4 January 2015. Elective surgery services will continue until close of business Friday 19 December 2014 and will resume 12 January 2015. Emergency Theatres will be available throughout this period.

Bentley Health Service

Elective surgery will be provided up to the close of business 22 December 2014 with normal operating hours resuming on 5 January 2015. Mental Health Clinics will close on 24 December 2014 through to 4 January 2015.

Peel Health Campus

Full services will be provided up until close of business 24 December 2014 with normal services resuming on 5 January 2015. Emergency services, including acute medical, paediatric and surgical admissions will continue unaffected by the holidays. Oncology and dialysis treatments will be uninterrupted however there may be a need to reschedule some appointments to allow patients to enjoy Christmas. Maternity services will not be interrupted.

3. Fremantle Hospital

Due to the transition of services and staff associated with the phased opening of Fiona Stanley Hospital, Fremantle Hospital is unable to fully staff all theatres during this period.

Royal Perth Hospital (RPH)

Elective Surgery services will be impacted for three weeks - elective operating sessions will be reduced as RPH prepares to reduce the bed stock to 450 and in preparation for the transition of patients to Fiona Stanley Hospital on 7 February 2015.

4. Not applicable.

WA Country Health Service (WACHS)

1. Not applicable.

2. Not applicable.

3. Not applicable.

4. Kimberley region

- Broome Hospital operating theatre will be closed for elective surgery from 22 December 2014 to and including the 11 January 2015.
- Derby Hospital operating theatre will be closed for elective surgery from 15 December 2014 to and including the 11 January 2015
- Kununurra Hospital operating theatre will be closed for elective surgery from 15 December 2014 to and including the 11 January 2015.

Closures due to no visiting surgical specialists and staff leave. Staff are on call for emergencies.

Pilbara region

- Hedland Health Campus operating theatres will be closed from 23 December 2014 to 5 January 2015 for elective surgery, but will remain open for emergencies and elective caesarean sections.
- Nickol Bay Hospital operating theatres will be closed from 23 December 2014 to 5 January 2015 for elective surgery, but will remain open for emergencies and elective caesarean sections.

Goldfields region

- Esperance Hospitals operating theatres will be closed for elective surgery from 22 December 2014 to 11 January 2015.
- Kalgoorlie Hospital operating theatres will be closed for elective surgery from 22 December 2014 to 11 January 2015.

Closures due to no visiting surgical specialists and staff leave. Both Theatres will be available for emergency surgery during this time.

Midwest region

- Carnarvon Hospital operating theatres will be closed for elective surgery from 17 December 2014 until 13 January 2015 as visiting surgeons take their leave during this time. Staff on call for emergencies.
- Geraldton Hospital operating theatres will be closed for elective surgery from 22 December 2013 until 12 January 2015. Emergency service maintained with General Surgeon/Anaesthetist on call and Obstetrician/Anaesthetist on call.

Resident surgeons take their annual leave over this period as per their Medical Service Agreement.

Wheatbelt region

- Merredin Hospital operating theatre will be closed for elective surgery from 19 December 2014 to 31 January 2015. Emergency surgery is not undertaken at Merredin.
- Narrogin Hospital operating theatres will be closed for elective surgery from 23 December 2014 to 27 December 2014. Available for Emergency surgery 24/7.
- Northam Hospital operating theatre will be closed for elective surgery from 17 December 2014 to 2 February 2015. Emergency surgery is not undertaken at Northam.

Great Southern region

- Albany Hospital operating theatres will be closed for elective surgery from 22 December 2014 to 5 January 2015.
- Katanning Hospital operating theatres will be closed for elective surgery from 20 December 2014 to 2 February 2015.

Closures are due to reduction or no visiting surgical specialists and to assist with leave management. On call theatre for emergencies will be available at Albany Hospital during this time.

South West region

- Bridgetown Hospital operating theatre will be closed for elective surgery from 8 December 2014 to 15 January 2015 inclusive.

- Busselton Hospital theatre will be closed for elective surgery from 19 December 2014 to 12 January 2015 inclusive.
- Collie Hospital operating theatre will be closed for elective surgery from 19 December 2014 to 11 January 2015 inclusive.
- Warren (Manjimup) Hospital operating theatre will be closed for elective surgery from 15 December 2014 to 8 January 2015.

The closures enable scheduling of essential maintenance and assist with leave management.