

MENTAL HEALTH — BEDS

745. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Mental Health:

I refer to adolescent youth and mental health services, and ask:

- (a) How many beds are there in the metropolitan health system dedicated to:
 - (i) children's mental health; and
 - (ii) young adult/adolescent mental health;
- (b) In regards to question (a), what hospitals are they located at;
- (c) How many beds are there in the country health system dedicated to:
 - (i) children's mental health; and
 - (ii) young adult/adolescent mental health;
- (d) In regards to questions, what hospitals are they located at; and
- (e) What is the projected number of children and adolescent mental health beds required in both the WA Country Health and Metropolitan health system over the next 10 years?

Ms A. Sanderson replied:

- (a)–(e) The model of care for children supports increased access to appropriate community-based services, rather than increasing inpatient beds.

In the metropolitan area there are 20 beds dedicated to children's mental health at Perth Children's Hospital and 46 beds allocated to adolescent/young adult mental health across Bentley Health Service, Fiona Stanley Hospital and Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital.

Children, adolescents, and young people requiring acute mental health are in the regions are treated at WA Country Health Service hospitals where appropriate.

In addition to existing beds, funding for a further 53 forensic mental health beds, including 5 for children under 18 years of age has been allocated in the 2023–24 State Budget.