

BRIEFING NOTE

ISSUE

Concerns have been raised publicly regarding the timeline for the opening of Fiona Stanley Hospital (FSH). Of particular note is the availability of services in April 2014 and ICT readiness.

BACKGROUND

- FSH has previously publicly communicated that it will be operational in April 2014.
- A media query has been submitted through the Minister for Health's media office regarding the possible delay to FSH opening in April 2014.
- A particular reference has been made to the significant ICT readiness issues.

CURRENT SITUATION

Timeline for opening

- All planning that is currently underway for Fiona Stanley Hospital is working towards the first phase of clinical services commencing in April 2014.
- A phased opening approach is being developed for the hospital to ensure continuity of service between sites and optimal patient safety and care. This is normal with the commissioning of a hospital of this size and complexity.
- The exact sequencing of service relocation and operational commencement of other services is currently being determined.

ICT Readiness

- A review is currently underway to determine the specific status of ICT readiness from a State perspective (Health Information Network (HIN)), as well as from the Facilities Management (Serco) deliverables that interface with the State Health Information Network (HIN) requirements.
- FSH and HIN are undertaking significant work to ensure that core ICT applications are on track for delivery by commencement date of the hospital, noting the hospital cannot be commissioned without these.
- All other ICT applications are being reviewed and assessed to determine which applications will be prioritised for implementation by commencement.
- If the ICT functionality is not comprehensive enough for the opening of the hospital in April 2014, a delay to the opening will need to be considered.

Overall

- The newly appointed Chief Executive FSH Commissioning is due to provide a comprehensive briefing to the FSH Commissioning and Major Hospitals Transitioning Taskforce next week – on the key issues around commissioning of FSH – clinical & workforce readiness and commissioning, ICT readiness, facilities management contract status and readiness, and infrastructure progress.

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION

That the Minister for Health notes the above.

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Not Approved

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Comments:

Signed 
MINISTER FOR HEALTH

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