

Question on Notice
No. 784
Asked on 25 May 2005

MRS SULLIVAN asked the Minister for Health (MR NUTTALL)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the new cardiac support services which are set to be introduced at the Caboolture Hospital on 1 July 2005—

What benefits will these services bring to those patients who have had heart problems and/or heart surgery?

ANSWER:

New cardiac support services are in the early stages of development in the Redcliffe-Caboolture Health Service District. This includes a secondary prevention program for clients with Coronary Heart Disease, to be provided by Caboolture Community Health Service from 1 July 2005.

The prevention program will provide access to rehabilitation for clients who have had heart attacks and suspected heart attacks.

This service will directly benefit patients as rehabilitation has been shown to improve recovery after heart attacks and also prevent the occurrence of further heart attacks.

The initiative will allow a structured, multidisciplinary rehabilitation program of care, and is expected to significantly improve survival and quality of life for patients with these conditions.