

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1757**  
**Asked on 13 November 2008**

MRS SCOTT asked the Minister for Health (MR ROBERTSON)—

**QUESTION:**

With the emphasis on diabetes this week, how many people are being treated at Logan Hospital and our Community Health Centre and what measures are being taken to educate the community?

**ANSWER:**

Diabetes is a chronic disease that can dramatically affect quality of life and shortness of lifespan if left undiagnosed and untreated.

It is estimated that, worldwide, 246 million people aged between 20 and 79 have diabetes. This number is expected to grow to 380 million by 2025. In Australia, it is estimated that 7.4 per cent of the Australian population are living with diabetes.

The Logan-Beaudesert Diabetes Service is an integrated multidisciplinary team that provides assessment, treatment and evaluation for adults with diabetes and impaired glucose tolerance.

Queensland Health statistics show that during the period July to October 2008, the Diabetes Service provided approximately 584 episodes of patient care each month. (This figure does not include gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM), Ambulatory Insulin Stabilisation Program (AISP), renal, heart failure or cardiac rehabilitation, or clients with diabetes who are seen in endocrinology or general medical clinics.)

The Diabetes Service is offered from a number of sites, including the Logan Hospital, Beaudesert Hospital, Logan Central Community Health Centre and Beenleigh Community Health Centre.

Diabetes management and education is provided in various individual and group settings including inpatient, outpatient, community health centres and venues. Home visits are also offered. Services provided include:

- Ambulatory Insulin Stabilisation Program, in partnership with local general practitioners;
- Podiatry clinic for high-risk diabetic feet including wound management and orthotics;
- Professional support to community-based diabetes support groups located at Beenleigh, Logan Central and Beaudesert;
- Gestational diabetes clinics;
- One-to-one assistance for general practitioners and practice nurses to assist with the primary care of patients;
- Continuous Glucose Monitoring Service; and
- Blood Glucose Meter loan program.

The Logan-Beaudesert Diabetes Service team also works closely with other local Queensland Health clinicians including Indigenous Health Workers and the Mental Health Service.

The team has a strong commitment to education and research. Activities in this area include:

- Workshops and education for clients and other health care professionals;
- Involvement in research and clinical trials;
- Partnership with local division of general practice; and
- Community talks, presentations and workshops.