

Question on Notice
No. 1025
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MS DARLING asked the Minister for Health (MR WILSON)-

QUESTION:

How will the extra rehabilitation capacity at the Brighton health campus enhance the delivery of health care to local residents and north side residents?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Sandgate for her question.

Enhancing the rehabilitation capacity at the Brighton Health Campus to 50 beds will mean better services for patients who are recovering from major operations or illnesses. These are patients who no longer need to be in an acute hospital, but require a period of rehabilitation before they can go home.

The new rehabilitation beds at the Brighton Health Campus will help ensure patients receive the essential care they need.

The extra rehabilitation capacity will improve access to appropriate and timely general rehabilitation and help reduce waiting lists for both acute and subacute services.

This initiative is part of a broader master planning process, which will make the Brighton Health Campus a centre of excellence in restorative care that is responsive to the needs of the north Brisbane community.

Through contemporary best practice, the Brighton Health Campus will create an environment where patients can recover faster and be supported in meeting their health goals.

The rehabilitation service will effectively provide better access to subacute services with a range of therapeutic rehabilitation interventions to improve patient mobility, functionality and independence.