

Question on Notice
No. 106
Asked on 8 March 2011

MR WATT asked the Minister for Health (MR WILSON)-

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise on progress in providing northside families with new emergency hospital care for children?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Everton for his question.

Work is progressing on the new children's services at The Prince Charles Hospital and the enhancements to children's services at Caboolture and Redcliffe hospitals. All three infrastructure projects are scheduled to be complete by late 2012 however, the paediatric services stage of The Prince Charles Hospital project is on track to open by the end of March 2012.

The new child-friendly services at The Prince Charles Hospital comprise 12 emergency treatment bays, 20 inpatient beds and eight outpatient rooms with separate waiting areas for children and their families. These child/family appropriate facilities will have dedicated specialist children's staff including doctors, nurses, and allied health professionals.

The enhancements to the services already at Caboolture Hospital include five emergency short stay beds, five inpatient beds and four outpatient rooms. For Redcliffe Hospital there will be an additional six same day beds and four outpatient rooms.

Children's health services will be provided within an integrated network, with a synergy that ensures the right care, at the right time, by the right team and in the right place. This will better meet the need for appropriate children's health services away from the city centre and closer to where children and families live in the northside of Brisbane.