

Question on Notice
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Asked on 4 March 2014

MS MILLARD asked the Minister for Health (MR SPRINGBORG)-

QUESTION:

What have been the quantitative and/or qualitative impacts as a result of beds made available in the new rehabilitation facility at the Brighton Health Campus, thus freeing up hospitals beds in Brisbane?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Sandgate for her question.

The rehabilitation facility at Brighton Health Campus has many positive benefits for the community. Rehabilitation is focused on returning patients to their independence and quality of life, and as such the team of health professionals works together with the patient and their family to assist the patient to achieve their goals.

As the largest free standing rehabilitation facility in Queensland, the Brighton Rehabilitation Service works with a range of patients. This includes patients who have had a stroke, spinal cord injury, head injury, broken hip etc. The patients who are transferred to the service have completed the acute phase of their patient journey and have varying care needs that require treatment by a multi-disciplinary team. These are patients who would otherwise occupy acute beds due to being unable to discharge safely to their home or aged care facility. The majority of patients are discharged safely as a result of the service, thus preventing them from readmission to hospital or being prematurely admitted to an aged care facility.

The service at Brighton admitted more than 600 patients in the last financial year and had a monthly average of greater than 1,000 occupied bed days. The average length of stay for patients is 30 days. This equates to an average of 18,000 bed days saved in an acute facility.

The service admits patients from at least 10 acute facilities within the Metro North Hospital and Health Service, as well as some patients from surrounding health services. These include but are not limited to, Holy Spirit Northside, Peninsula Private, Caboolture Private, St Andrews War Memorial Hospital and the Mater Hospitals.

I am advised that the service has received numerous compliments regarding the staff and facilities.