

Question on Notice

No. 684

Asked on 12 June 2018

MR D PEGG asked the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (HON DR S MILES) –

QUESTION

Will the Minister provide an update in relation to the success of the rollout of digital hospitals?

ANSWER

The Palaszczuk Government is revolutionising patient medical records and leading digital healthcare innovation in Australia.

In Queensland, seven public hospitals and one community health centre have successfully deployed the integrated electronic Medical Record (ieMR) Advanced Digital Hospital solution: Princess Alexandra Hospital, Mackay Base Hospital, Logan Hospital, Beaudesert Hospital, Lady Cilento Children's Hospital, Redland Hospital, Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Hospital, and Wynnum-Manly Community Health Centre (Gundu Pa).

The ieMR delivers a shared electronic medical record across Queensland Health facilities – one patient, one digital record. A digital health record enables clinicians and care teams to spend less time doing paperwork and more time with their patients.

In May 2018 alone, the ieMR supported more than 11,900 hospital clinicians and support staff, 239,495 patients, 3.5 million orders across pharmacy, radiology and other diagnostic services, and 863,791 medication administrations.

The benefits of Queensland's digital hospitals include:

- Reduced average length of stay
- Reduced unplanned readmissions
- Reduced hospital standardised mortality rate
- Reduced serious falls
- Reduced serious pressure injuries
- Reduced preventable blood clots
- Earlier response to clinical deterioration
- Other improvements to safety and quality, such as fewer adverse drug events.