

Question on Notice

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Asked on 15 June 2018

MR J KELLY asked the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (HON DR S MILES)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister outline how rehabilitation services will be impacted by the Herston Quarter redevelopment?

ANSWER

A new \$340 million state-of-the-art Specialist Rehabilitation and Ambulatory Care Centre (SRACC) is under construction at Herston Quarter to help meet the future healthcare needs and the demand for specialist rehabilitation services in Queensland. It will be the first health building to be built as part of the Herston Quarter redevelopment project, and will open in 2021.

The 184-bed specialist public health facility will provide a patient-centric model of care to improve patient outcomes. As a direct result of carefully designed clinical space, this is an increase from the original 132-bed plan, which will now see 100 beds to be dedicated to specialist rehabilitation, 56 surgical beds and a 28-bed inpatient unit. This will further enhance the high quality care already available at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital (RBWH).

Patients recovering from brain injury, trauma, stroke, burns, and a range of medical conditions will receive specialist rehabilitation and care at the centre which is focussed on their needs. The centre will also provide short-stay elective surgery and endoscopy.

The facility has been carefully designed in collaboration with doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, patients and carers. Through consultation, the SRACC model of care has evolved and will deliver new or expanded rehabilitation services. This consolidation includes:

- 20 new specialist beds (Clinical Services Capability Framework Level 5) for brain injured patients which will increase the state-wide capacity for early rehabilitation and improve patient outcomes.
- 20 new specialist rehabilitation beds (Clinical Services Capability Framework Level 6) for major trauma, burns and complex rehabilitation patients – the first unit of its kind in Queensland.
- Relocation of RBWH's 30-bed Geriatric Assessment and Rehabilitation Unit (GARU), plus an additional 30 beds providing an expansion of this service.
- Colocation of the state-wide Rehabilitation Engineering Centre with SRACC, which will provide wheelchair and seating modification services along with adaptive device technology support for the 100 rehabilitation beds.

- Relocation of the RBWH Geriatric Evaluation and Management (GEM) service, further consolidating sub-acute services within the 28-bed inpatient unit.
- Transfer of the renowned Professor Tess Cramond Multidisciplinary Pain Centre.

On 18 May 2018, the Metro North Hospital and Health Service formalised a partnership with The University of Queensland to embed clinical research and education at the centre to achieve improved outcomes for those with complex rehabilitation needs.