

Question on Notice

No. 587

Asked on 4 April 2019

DR M ROBINSON asked the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (HON DR S MILES) –

QUESTION

Will the Minister provide staffing numbers categorised by individual health professions attached to the Redland Hospital Diabetes Clinic and Diabetes Community Service over the last five years, including the current year?

ANSWER

I am advised by the Metro South Hospital and Health Service as follows:

- The Diabetes Clinic at Redland Hospital is staffed by one Consultant and one Clinical Nurse Consultant Diabetes Educator. The clinic is held twice weekly, one at Redland Hospital and one at Wynnum-Manly Community Health Centre, Gundu Pa. The Redland Hospital Clinic has been running for longer than five years. The Wynnum-Manly Community Health Centre Clinic was established in April 2018.
- A Redland Hospital Paediatric Diabetes Clinic was established in February 2019 and is staffed by one Consultant. The clinic is held monthly.
- Chronic Disease Diabetes Nursing positions provide an in-reach service to Redland Hospital, support medical outpatients and provide community follow up to clients residing in the Bayside area. The service is for adults with type 1 diabetes, type 2 diabetes, and diabetes in pregnancy. The Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing is 1.0 FTE Clinical Nurse Consultant and 0.5 FTE Clinical Nurse. (There is an additional 0.2 FTE Clinical Nurse with Close the Gap funding to provide services at Yulu Burri Ba.)
- There are Allied Health positions which provide outpatient/community services to clients with a chronic disease (cardiac, diabetes or respiratory). The following FTE is spread across all chronic disease and is not specifically allocated to the diabetes service: 0.5 FTE Dietitian, 1.2 FTE Physiotherapist, 1.0 FTE Social Worker, 0.5 FTE Psychologist, and 1.0 FTE Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker.

The above FTE has been the same for each of the past five years except the Chronic Disease Physiotherapist position which was increased from 0.7 FTE to 1.2 FTE in 2018.