

Question on Notice

No. 807

Asked on 16 June 2021

MR C BOYCE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON Y D'ATH) –

QUESTION

With reference to the Theodore and Chinchilla Hospitals promised Pilot Programs for Maternity Services—

Will the Minister advise when the Minister intends for these to commence?

ANSWER

The Queensland Rural and Remote Maternity Services Planning Framework (Planning Framework) is a resource to support Hospital and Health Services in the review, assessment, and co-design of maternity services. The Planning Framework supports Hospital and Health Services to provide comprehensive, woman-centred approaches to maternity service planning.

The draft Planning Framework was developed by the Rural Maternity Taskforce. The draft Planning Framework process was piloted in Bowen, Weipa and Theodore to inform the final version of the Planning Framework. The piloting and finalisation of the Planning Framework was overseen by the Rural Maternity Implementation Oversight Committee.

I am advised that feedback from the pilot sites and from other key stakeholders was incorporated into the updated and endorsed Planning Framework, which has been published on Clinical Excellence Queensland's Rural Maternity webpage - <https://clinicalexcellence.qld.gov.au/priority-areas/patient-experience/maternity-service-improvement/rural-maternity>.

I am advised that Chinchilla was never included as a pilot site of the draft Planning Framework. I am further advised that the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service has commenced a comprehensive review of maternity services for women living in the Chinchilla Hospital catchment area.

I am pleased to advise online antenatal education and information is available for consumers on the Queensland Health website. <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/children/pregnancy/antenatal-information>.