

Question on Notice

No. 1032

Asked on 13 October 2022

DR M ROBINSON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON Y D'ATH)—

QUESTION

With reference to the Marie Rose Health Centre at Dunwich on North Stradbroke Island—

Will the Minister advise (a) current staffing levels and retention rates, (b) patient presentation numbers over the past three years and (c) future projections for the facility, especially during peak holiday seasons?

ANSWER

I have been advised by the Hospital and Health Service the following provides the number of presentations to the Marie Rose Health Centre, by financial year:

- 2019/2020 - 2,962 patients
- 2020/2021 - 3,342 patients
- 2021/2022 - 3,844 patients.

It is noted that the presentations have returned to pre-pandemic levels with presentations in the June quarter of the 2022/23 financial year reducing by 19% as compared with same period in the prior financial year.

I am further advised, there are 1.6 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) nursing staff permanently appointed to work at the Marie Rose Center (excludes additional 0.52 FTE for overtime and 0.6 FTE for backfill, for a total budgeted nursing FTE of 2.72). Staff retention is high with the permanent nursing staff members having worked at the Marie Rose Health Centre for more than eight years. There are currently three Principal House Officers (PHOs) who work at the Marie Rose Health Centre.

As presentations to the Marie Rose Health Centre have returned to pre-pandemic levels a change in service demand from those which normally occur during the holiday season is not expected.

Staffing numbers within the Marie Rose Centre are not adjusted seasonally. The current staffing is usually adequate to meet the peak season demands and should a need be identified an escalation process is in place to meet the demand.