

The second Steering Committee meeting chaired by Dr John Wakefield, Deputy Director-General, Clinical Excellence Division, Department of Health was held on the 6 October, 2016.

The Steering Committee was updated about the progress of implementation of the Government response for each recommendation to date as follows:

*Recommendation 1: Engage an independent party by 30 September 2016 to review the progress of implementation of the Hunter Review with regard to the delivery of state-wide services. This review will be completed by 31 March 2017.* Following an internal evaluation process, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) was selected to conduct this review commencing 29 September 2016.

*Recommendation 2: Review the service agreement arrangements for all non-government organisations providing health services. The review will be completed by June 2017.* A scoping paper is being developed which includes all funded services. The requirements for non-funded private providers who offer supported accommodation and intersections with the proposed quality framework for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) are being considered in this paper. An external consultant will be engaged in October 2016.

*Recommendation 3: Commission the Queensland Centre for Mental Health Research (QCMHR) to identify existing clinical and program evaluation frameworks for extended treatment for adolescents and young people with severe and complex mental health issues.* It is anticipated that the QCMHR will be commissioned in October 2016 and a report to be produced by February 2017 which will then be available for consultations.

*Recommendation 4: The Queensland Government will build a new bed-based treatment facility in south-east Queensland for young people with complex mental health issues, and ensure patients have access to an integrated education/vocational training program.* The Department of Health has undertaken a preliminary evaluation for the establishment of a new adolescent bed-based extended treatment and rehabilitation facility consistent with the Government response. The Government supports the development of a detailed business case for a bed-based facility at the Prince Charles Hospital campus in Brisbane, providing extended treatment, rehabilitation and integrated educational/vocational services to young people with severe and complex mental health issues.

*Recommendation 5: Engage an independent reviewer to review the alignment and transition arrangements between adolescent and adult mental health services. The Premier will provide the findings and recommendations to the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) for consideration.* An expert panel meeting was held on 20 September 2016 with both child and youth and adult mental health clinicians, academic and clinical leaders and consumer and carer representatives. A specification document will be developed for out of session review by this panel and finalised before 31 October 2016 to inform potential external consultants to conduct this review.

*Recommendation 6: Undertake services mapping and review Guidelines for Collaboration between Queensland Health – Mental Health Services, Disability Services Queensland and Funded Disability Service Providers.* Preliminary consultation has commenced with experts in the area of intellectual disability and mental illness to scope parameters for the service mapping and also to explore how the updated Guidelines may benefit service providers in the context of changes due to the NDIS role out over the next 3 years in Queensland.

Melissa Fox, General Manager, Health Consumers Queensland (HCQ) also provided an update on consumer and carer engagement and support processes including recruitment to working groups, development of a consumer network, and draft documents to further support communication and stakeholder engagement.

The next steering committee meeting is scheduled for 18 November 2016. For further information see [www.health.qld.gov.au/improvement/youthmentalhealth](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/improvement/youthmentalhealth)