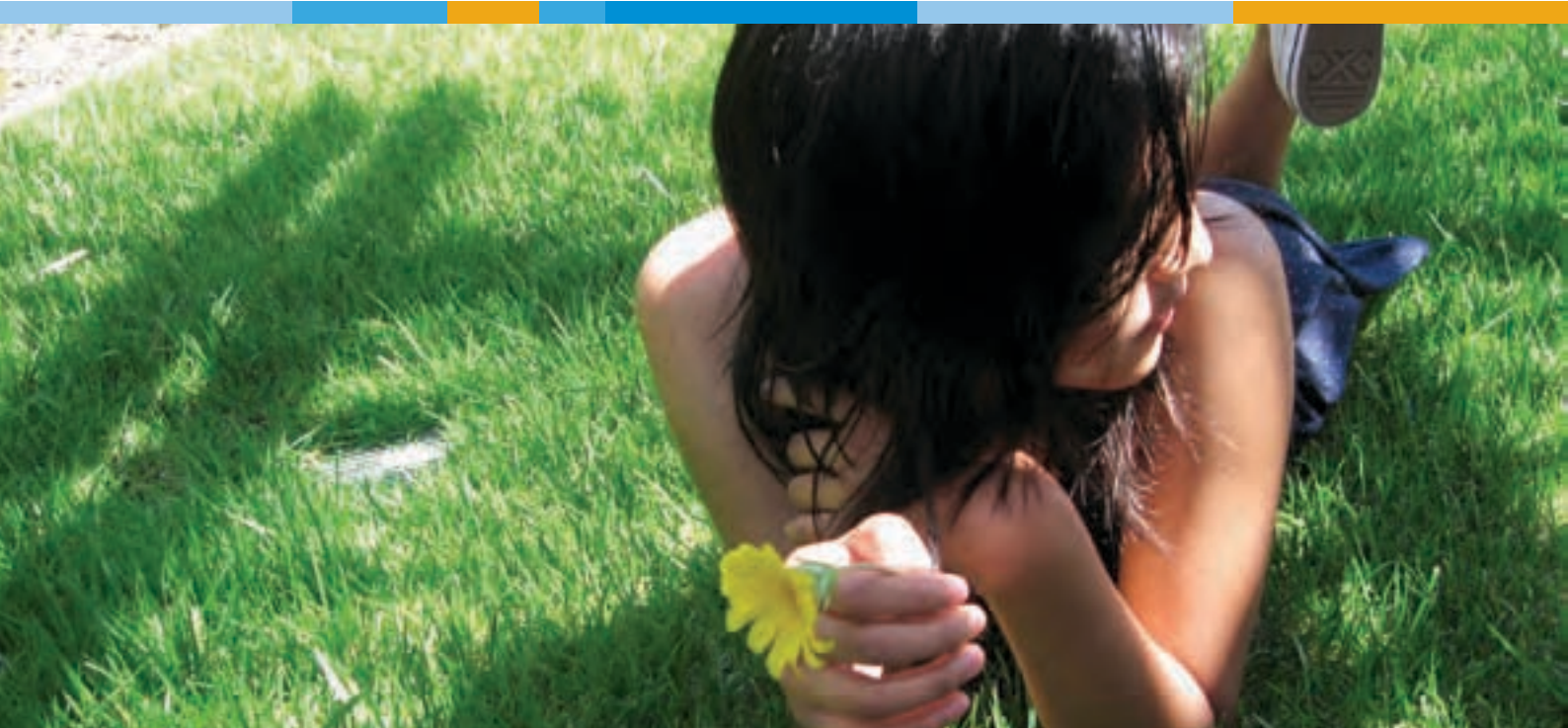


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Outline of the 2007-08 State Budget Outcomes for Mental Health



*improving mental health
for Queenslanders*



Message from the Minister

The Queensland Government is committed to building a better mental health system with a record increase of \$528.8 million over four years.

This unprecedented level of funding, the largest investment in mental health in Queensland's history, reflects the Government's deep commitment to delivering a better quality of life for people who live with mental illness, their families and carers.

It also recognises the excellent work being done by non-government organisations and supports the further enhancement of this sector.

This record funding injection is being used to employ more mental health doctors, nurses and allied health professionals, open more mental health beds in hospitals and build better environments for people with mental illness and staff.

With this new funding we are also developing a more just and compassionate system for victims of crimes committed by people with a mental illness.

This budget also includes:

- \$40 million (\$10 million each year) for the Department of Housing to build and purchase specially designed accommodation for people living with a mental illness
- \$35.64 million for Disability Services Queensland to purchase a range of personal support and accommodation services from the non-government sector to assist people with a mental illness to live meaningful lives in the community
- \$22.4 million over four years for Disability Services Queensland to provide a range of social support services to people living in this new accommodation.

This funding follows a \$366.2 million increase in funding to mental health in 2006-07 as a result of Queensland's commitment to the Council of Australian Governments' National Action Plan (NAP) on Mental Health.

It means that our Government's total investment in mental health under the Council of Australian Governments' NAP will have increased by a massive \$895 million in just over five years to 2010-11.

This investment in mental health has been informed by the Queensland Plan for Mental Health 2007-17 which is currently being finalised.

I am confident this unprecedented level of funding will have a significant and positive impact on improving mental health services for all Queenslanders.

Stephen Robertson MP
Minister for Health

Funding provided in the 2007–08 Budget will focus on the following priority areas:

Promotion, prevention and early intervention: \$9.35 million

Initiatives focus on building mental health promotion, prevention and early intervention capacity including:

- **\$4.97 million** to establish the Queensland Centre for Promotion, Prevention and Early Intervention which will lead the development and implementation of a statewide framework for mental health promotion, prevention and early intervention activities
- **\$0.5 million** million to promote the use of innovative technologies in mental health promotion activities
- **\$2.91 million** to support the ongoing development of cross-sectoral strategies, partnerships and agreements targeted at reducing suicide risk and associated mortality
- **\$0.97 million** to establish a hub of expertise in perinatal and infant mental health to provide consultation, support and training to service providers.

Integrating and improving the care system: \$345.8 million

Primary and Private Sector Mental Health Care

The development of a coordinated framework for the delivery of primary and private mental health care will be supported by providing:

- **\$3.24 million** to employ additional primary care liaison coordinators to improve coordination of services between primary health care and public mental health service providers
- **\$1.42 million** to support the implementation of the Partners in Mind framework and to integrate the Queensland Primary Mental Health Care Collaborative and the Partners in Mind framework with Connecting Healthcare in Communities.

Public Mental Health Care

Mental health services will be expanded to ensure the capacity to meet the needs of a growing population by providing:

- **\$2.97 million** to employ 10 additional consumer consultants to provide support to consumers and to improve consumer engagement within mental health services
- **\$37.78 million** for 100 additional clinicians to provide child and youth community public mental health services
- **\$9.44 million** for 22 additional clinicians to provide adult community public mental health services

- **\$18.7 million** for 46 additional clinicians to provide older persons community public mental health services
- **\$11.55 million** for 25 additional clinicians to provide mobile intensive treatment services to consumers with complex needs living in the community
- **\$27.47 million** for 60 additional clinicians to provide extended hours public community based emergency triage and brief acute treatment
- **\$9.63 million** for 18 additional consultation liaison clinicians to support early assessment, treatment and referral of people with mental health problems
- **\$5.7 million** to employ 26 additional administrative staff to support clinicians working in community public mental health services
- **\$10.5 million** to employ 27 additional clinicians to provide tertiary statewide forensic services including child and youth community forensic outreach, prison mental health and court liaison services
- **\$15.32 million** to expand district service and development capacity by establishing additional clinical leaders, supervisors and other staff to manage legislative and quality and safety activity.

Mental health services to people in **rural and remote** areas will be improved by providing:

- **\$2.36 million** to develop a service model for rural and remote mental health services, and to develop innovative mechanisms to improve recruitment, retention and development of mental health staff in rural and remote areas
- programs developed in collaboration with the Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health and the Queensland Centre for Promotion Prevention and Early Intervention to promote mental health and prevent the development of mental health problems in rural and remote communities.

Mental health services to people from an **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander** background will be improved by providing:

- **\$5.15 million** to employ additional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mental health workers to provide assessment, treatment and care to people with a mental illness who are from an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background.
- A specialist hub of expertise to provide leadership and oversight of development of service models, workforce and partnerships in collaboration with the Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health Queensland. The specialist hub would provide support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workers in the development and delivery of clinical services.

Mental health services to people from **culturally and linguistically diverse** backgrounds will be improved by providing:

- **\$1.8 million** for additional clinicians to provide transcultural mental health services. These clinicians would help to improve the capability of mental health services to respond to the needs of people with a mental illness from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.
- Programs to increase mental health literacy and reduce stigma and discrimination in culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

Mental health care to people who have a co-existing mental illness and **drug and alcohol problem** will be improved by providing:

- **\$2.92 million** to establish dual diagnosis coordinators to facilitate the provision of coordination between mental health and drug and alcohol services, and to provide training and skill development for mental health services
- statewide guidelines for mental health services to ensure routine screening of all consumers for drug and alcohol problems and the provision of brief therapeutic interventions.

Mental health services to people who have **complex mental health** needs will be improved by providing:

- **\$0.97 million** to employ additional positions to enhance the capacity to coordinate services for people with complex needs related to intellectual disability and mental illness
- **\$2.71 million** to establish positions to enhance the capacity to provide assessment and treatment for people with eating disorders
- **\$1.12 million** to establish positions to enhance the capacity to provide assessment and treatment for people with mental illness and a visual or hearing impairment.

Mental health services to people in **acute and extended treatment** facilities will be improved by providing:

- **\$121.55 million** for more than 270 new, upgraded, or redeveloped acute and extended treatment beds that meet contemporary standards. On completion this will result in an overall increase of more than 140 beds across Queensland. This is in addition to the new facilities being built at the Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, and the new Queensland Children's Hospital. Capital works projects are planned to:
 - build a new 25 bed acute unit at Logan
 - build 4 additional acute aged care beds at Rockhampton
 - build a new 20 bed acute unit at Caboolture
 - build a new 24 bed acute unit at Mackay

- develop 4 new community care units, one in the West Moreton South Burnett Health Service District, one in the Princess Alexandra Hospital Health Service District, and two in the Southside Health Service District
- upgrade the extended treatment and rehabilitation unit, and the secure unit at Townsville
- build 9 additional high secure beds incorporating a 5 bed high dependency unit at The Park - Centre for Mental Health
- redevelop services currently located at The Park - Centre for Mental Health to provide 20 new extended treatment beds for forensic patients
- develop a new 15 bed adolescent extended care unit to replace the Barrett Adolescent Centre
- develop a new 6 bed acute child and youth unit at Townsville
- develop a new 8 bed acute child and youth unit at Toowoomba
- develop a new 23 bed medium secure unit at Caboolture
- develop 5 additional aged extended treatment beds at the Sunshine Coast.

Implementation of the recommendations from Brendan Butler's review of the *Mental Health Act 2000*. In response to the review of the *Mental Health Act 2000*, reforms will be implemented to improve support for victims of violent offences committed by people who are found to be of unsound mind or unfit for trial under the *Mental Health Act 2000*. A total of more than \$53 million will be expended on initiatives including:

- **\$0.8 million** to improve community and stakeholder understanding of the forensic mental health system.
- **\$29.18 million** to improve clinical services for adult forensic mental health consumers and to improve staff risk management practices. Funding will provide for 35 additional positions to improve specialist and district based forensic services, and to provide risk management training and systems to monitor compliance with forensic mental health policy and legislation.
- Services and support to victims of crime where the offender has a mental illness will be improved through initiatives to be undertaken by Queensland Health, the Department of Justice and Attorney-General, and the Mental Health Review Tribunal. Initiatives include:
 - **\$10.24 million** to establish a statewide Victim Support Service and a Victim Information Register and to implement a range of other initiatives to support victims
 - **\$13.26 million** to improve the forensic legal processes related to the Mental Health Court and the Mental Health Review Tribunal.

Participation in the community: \$98.09 million

Initiatives that will increase access to support services and accommodation in the community for people with a mental illness including:

- **\$35.64 million** to purchase a range of accommodation and personal support services from the non-government sector in collaboration with Disability Services Queensland including:
 - new residential recovery places to provide ongoing assessment, treatment and rehabilitation with the goal of assisting people to live successfully in the community
 - additional personal support packages to provide non-clinical personal support to consumers with varying levels of psychiatric disability living in the community in hostel accommodation or in their homes
 - additional places for consumer operated crisis/respite services to provide short term accommodation for clients in need of respite or who are in emergency or crisis situations
 - non-clinical personal support for people with a mental illness transitioning from correctional facilities to accommodation in the community.
- **\$40 million** in collaboration with the Department of Housing, to provide additional social housing places for people with a severe mental illness who have moderate to high support needs
- **\$22.45 million** in collaboration with Disability Services Queensland, to provide non-clinical support to people with a severe mental illness who have moderate to high support needs living in social housing.

Coordinating care: \$4.77 million

Initiatives to improve coordination of services across government, non-government organisations, and other sectors involved in providing mental health care including:

- **\$4.77 million** to strengthen the capacity to coordinate care for consumers living in the community. This includes new positions to promote interagency coordination, including linkages between clinical and non-clinical services for young people with complex needs and consumers with persistent, high risk and/or high levels of psychiatric disability.

Workforce, quality, information and safety: \$70.82 million

The mental health workforce will be supported to provide high quality, safe, public mental health services. Initiatives over the next four years will focus on developing the mental

health workforce, and enhancing mental health information and quality and safety systems.

Funding includes \$43 million to continue mental health projects and service developments which were established with temporary Commonwealth funding.

Workforce development

Initiatives to enhance workforce capacity to deliver mental health programs including:

- **\$0.67 million** to provide staff training and education through the Queensland Centre for Mental Health Learning
- **\$0.46 million** to provide support to develop the non-government sector workforce
- **\$0.69 million** to implement leadership development programs
- **\$2.41 million** to develop and implement a range of strategies to recruit and retain staff, including undergraduate marketing initiatives, targeted scholarships and incentives for people to enter the mental health workforce
- **\$3.06 million** to provide orientation programs and support to new staff and to develop and implement supervision models for allied health and nursing.

Information, quality and safety

Further development of information management systems to support quality mental health service delivery and reform including:

- **\$16.4 million** to establish the Mental Health Enterprise Integrated Information System
- **\$2.16 million** to more effectively utilise information in clinical practice, service planning and policy development
- **\$1.2 million** to establish and maintain a data warehouse.
- developing and implementing a comprehensive Quality and Safety Plan which is aligned to National Standards for Mental Health Services (1996), and consistent with the National Safety Priorities in Mental Health: the National Plan for Reducing Harm
- collaborating with stakeholders to develop and implement an effective and proactive risk management strategy across Area Health Services which identifies processes for assessing, monitoring and auditing service compliance with safety standards and clinical best practice.

Mental health research

Initiatives to support the ongoing development of mental health research and particularly the application of research to clinical practice including:

- **\$0.77 million** to develop a statewide framework for mental health research that supports the translation of evidence and innovation into improved day-to-day services for consumers, their families and carers.

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