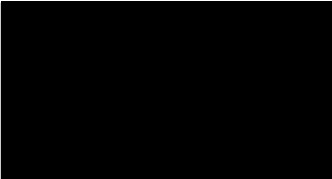




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FOI19-32



### **Freedom of Information Request: FOI19/32**

I refer to your application under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the Act), received by ACT Health Directorate on 24 June 2019 in which you sought access to:

*“All reports, memos, documents or information provided by ACT Health as briefing material to the ministers and the director general during Budget Estimates Hearings on Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019, including mental health. “*

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Director-General of ACT Health under section 18 of the Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the Act. ACT Health Directorate was required to provide a decision on your access application by 22 July 2019.

#### Decision on access

Searches were completed for relevant documents and 5 documents were identified that fall within the scope of your request.

I have included as Attachment A to this decision the schedule of relevant documents. This provides a description of each document and the access decision for each of those documents.

I have decided to grant full access to all relevant documents. The documents released to you are provided as Attachment B to this letter.

#### Charges

Processing charges are not applicable to this request.

Online publishing – disclosure log

Under section 28 of the Act, ACT Health maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. Your original access application, my decision and documents released to you in response to your access application will be published in the ACT Health disclosure log not less than three days but not more than 10 days after the date of this decision. Your personal contact details will not be published.

Ombudsman review

My decision on your access request is a reviewable decision as identified in Schedule 3 of the Act. You have the right to seek Ombudsman review of this outcome under section 73 of the Act within 20 working days from the day that my decision is published in ACT Health's disclosure log, or a longer period allowed by the Ombudsman.

If you wish to request a review of my decision you may write to the Ombudsman at:

The ACT Ombudsman  
GPO Box 442  
CANBERRA ACT 2601  
Via email: [ACTFOI@ombudsman.gov.au](mailto:ACTFOI@ombudsman.gov.au).

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) review

Under section 84 of the Act, if a decision is made under section 82(1) on an Ombudsman review, you may apply to the ACAT for review of the Ombudsman decision.

Further information may be obtained from the ACAT at:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal  
Level 4, 1 Moore St  
GPO Box 370  
Canberra City ACT 2601  
Telephone: (02) 6207 1740  
<http://www.acat.act.gov.au/>

If you have any queries concerning Canberra Health Service's processing of your request, or would like further information, please contact the FOI Coordinator on (02) 5124 9829 or email [HealthFOI@act.gov.au](mailto:HealthFOI@act.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John Fletcher', written over a circular stamp or mark.

John Fletcher  
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19 July 2019

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST SCHEDULE

Please be aware that under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016*, some of the information provided to you will be released to the public through the ACT Government's Open Access Scheme. The Open Access release status column of the table below indicates what documents are intended for release online through open access.

Personal information or business affairs information will not be made available under this policy. If you think the content of your request would contain such information, please inform the contact officer immediately.

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NAME	WHAT ARE THE PARAMETERS OF THE REQUEST	File No
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Ref No	No of Folios	Description	Date	Status	Reason for non-release or deferral	Open Access release status
1.	1 - 121	Budget Day Pack – Minister for Health & Wellbeing	4 June 2019	Full Release		YES
2.	122 - 167	Budget Day Pack – Minister for Mental Health	4 June 2019	Full Release		YES
3.	168 - 400	Additional Information	20 June 2019	Full Release		YES



4.	401 - 496	Question Time Briefs – Minister for Health & Wellbeing	20 June 2019	Full Release		YES
5.	497 - 530	Question Time Briefs – Minister for Mental Health	20 June 2019	Full Release		YES
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Minister for Medical and Health Research  
2019-20 Budget Day Pack  
4 June 2019**

**Briefs - Budget Specific**

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1.	2019-20 Budget Summary (including summary of ACT Health Initiatives)	ACT Health
2.	Summary of 2019-20 Federal Budget – Impact on ACT Health	ACT Health
3.	Community Budget Consultations – Outcome	ACT Health
4.	Community Budget Consultations – Non-Funding of Initiatives	ACT Health
5.	Savings Targets for Health – 2019-20	ACT Health

**General Information**

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17.	HEA E02	Delivering the Weston Creek Walk in Centre	CHS
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23.	HEA E09	Implementing the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse	ACT Health
24.	HEA E13	Delivering better care for Canberrans with complex needs through general practice	ACT Health
25.	HEA E15	Delivering the ACT Strategic Priorities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health 2019-2028	ACT Health
26.	HEA E16a	Delivering the ACT Drug Strategy Action Plan	ACT Health
27.	HEA E16b	Naloxone	ACT Health
28.	HEA E18	Protecting teens with meningococcal ACWY vaccinations	ACT Health
29.	HEA E23	Implementing the <i>Nurses and Midwives: Towards a Safer Culture – The First Step strategy</i>	ACT Health
30.	HEA E25	Co-design and planning: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Alcohol and Drug Residential Rehabilitation Facility	ACT Health
31.	HEA E30	Expanding early intervention and diversion programs for people experiencing alcohol and drug dependence	CHS
32.	HEA E31	Implementing the Independent Review into the Workplace Culture within ACT Public Health Services	ACT Health

*Canberra Health Services*

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34.	CHS E03	More beds at Canberra Hospital	CHS
35.	CHS E05	Expanding Public Fracture Clinic services	CHS
36.	CHS E06	Improving access to maternity services across Canberra	CHS
37.	CHS E08	More specialised women's health care	CHS
38.	CHS E12	Expanding Public Dermatology Services	CHS
39.	CHS E13	Strengthening care for chronic diseases	CHS
40.	CHS E25	Strengthening care for older Canberrans	CHS
41.	CHS E26	More support for families travelling for healthcare	CHS
42.	CHS E27	Expanding public pharmacy services at Canberra Hospital	CHS
43.	CHS E29	Expanding public Ophthalmology Service	CHS
44.	CHS E30	Strengthening care for childhood and gestational diabetes	CHS
45.	CHS E32	More Opioid Treatment Services on Canberras northside	CHS
46.	CHS E33	More doctors in the Canberra Hospital ED	CHS

*Other*

No.	Title		
47.	CSD E03c	NDIS Full Scheme	CHS
48.	CSD E15	Domestic and Family Violence Frontline Worker	CHS
49.	JACS E39	Improving Safety of Older Drivers	CHS

**Fact Sheets – 2019–20 Capital Works***ACT Health Directorate*

No.	Title		
50.	HEA CW01	Expanding the Centenary Hospital for Women and Children	ACT Health
51.	HEA CW02	Delivering the SPIRE Centre at Canberra Hospital	ACT Health

52.	HEA CW04	Expanding Clare Holland House to strengthen palliative care	ACT Health
53.	HEA CW05	Delivering the Inner North Walk in Centre	ACT Health
54.	HEA CW08	Implementing real time prescription monitoring	ACT Health
55.	HEA CW09	ACT Health Core IT Systems to align with the Digital Health Strategy	ACT Health

### *Canberra Health Services*

No.	Title		
56.	CHS CW04	More public medical imaging services for the Canberra Hospital	CHS

### *Other*

No.	Title		
57.	Expanding frontline services at The Canberra Hospital		CHS



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**Portfolio:** Health & Wellbeing

Mental Health

**ISSUE: 2019-20 Budget Summary (including summary of Initiatives)****Talking points:**

- Health expenses grow to \$1.753 billion in 2019-20 (excluding Territorial capital grants).
- This represents an increase of:
  - \$70 million (4.17%) on the published 2018-19 Budget; or
  - \$43 million (2.53%) on the 2018-19 estimated outcome.
- The 2019-20 Budget Papers (Health Statements) shows the former Health Directorate split between the new ACT Health Directorate and Canberra Health Services.
- For the purposes of the 2018-19 estimated outcome, the former Health Directorate's original budget shows against Canberra Health Services. This reflects that technically the former Health Directorate's name was changed to Canberra Health Services and a new entity was create for the ACT Health Directorate.
- Controlled Recurrent Payments (Appropriation) is only received by the ACT Health Directorate and the Local Hospital Network going forward. The Local Hospital Network will purchase services from the ACT's public hospitals including Canberra Health Services.
- Canberra Health Services will receive Capital Injection directly from ACT Treasury to undertake capital works.
- The 2019-20 Budget allocates \$27.8 million to health service delivery (including Health Protection Services and Calvary Public Hospital) and \$9.2 million to health policy, research, administration and support services inclusive of \$2.9 million for ACT Health Core IT Systems.
- New health service delivery over the forward estimates (four years) will be \$194.7 million.

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## BUDGET ESTIMATES BRIEF

- New health policy, research, administration and support services over the forward estimates (four years) will be \$44.1 million, which includes \$19.9 million for ACT Health Core IT Systems.
- Outyear funding for the three Health entities does not include funding held in the Health Central Provision. The amounts withheld are:

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Health Central Provision	\$26.187m	\$60.009m	\$105.041m

- There are no significant new savings targets contained in this Budget, however, Canberra Health Services will be required to internally fund \$1.213 million towards the Emergency Department Doctor increase initiative per annum.
- Savings listed in the Appropriation tables for insurance and workers' compensation premiums will be achieved through reduced billing by ACT Treasury.
- New initiatives contained in the 2019-20 Budget are listed at Attachment A.

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Treasury Ref	Mental/Health	Recurrent					Capital			Total
		2019-20 \$000's	2020-21 \$000's	2021-22 \$000's	2022-23 \$000's	Total \$000's	2019-20 \$000's	2020-21 \$000's	2021-22 \$000's	
<b>Canberra Health Services</b>										
CHS E01	Expanding intensive care services at Canberra Hospital	7,149	7,041	7,235	7,341	28,766				0
CHS E02	Expanding public inpatient mental health care	1,660	1,722	1,765	1,809	6,976				0
CHS E03	More beds at The Canberra Hospital	3,086	3,448	3,559	3,617	13,710				0
CHS E05	Expanding public Fracture Clinic services	556	1,139	1,167	1,197	4,059				0
CHS E06	Improving access to maternity services across Canberra	513	515	529	537	2,094				0
CHS E08	More specialised women's health care	114	214	220	223	771				0
CHS E12	Expanding public dermatology services	175	180	185	188	728				0
CHS E13	Strengthening care for chronic disease	240	462	474	481	1,657				0
CHS E15	7-day-a-week Mental Health Consultation Liaison service	800	1,234	1,268	1,292	4,594				0
CHS E16	More mental health services at The Canberra Hospital	0	488	999	1,078	2,565	1,764	756		2,520
CHS E25	Strengthening care for older Canberrans	470	482	494	506	1,952				0
CHS E26	More support for families travelling for healthcare	250	512	525	538	1,825				0
CHS E27	Expanding pharmacy services at Canberra Hospital	302	545	749	813	2,409	2,212	3,318		5,530
CHS E29	Expanding public ophthalmology services	250	0	0	0	250				0
CHS E30	Strengthening care for childhood and gestational diabetes	567	765	784	796	2,912				0
CHS E31	Expanding health services at the Alexander Macnochie Centre	258	266	273	277	1,074				0
CHS E32	More opioid treatment services on Canberra's northside	0	750	770	790	2,310	611			611
CHS CW04	More public medical imaging services for Canberra Hospital	100	677	1,217	1,458	3,452	2,800	6,100	2,300	11,200
HEA E02	Delivering the Weston Creek Walk in Centre	1,946	2,705	2,887	2,933	10,471				0
HEA E26	Delivering better mental health care for people in crisis	147	0	0	0	147				0
HEA E29	Alternative justice pathways for people with mental illness	731	749	768	787	3,085				0
HEA E30	Expanding early intervention and diversion programs for people experiencing alcohol and drug dependence	949	644	660	677	2,930				0
CHS E33	More doctors in the Canberra Hospital Emergency Department to respond to increased demand	0	0	0	0	0				0
<b>Health System, Policy and Research</b>										
HEA E05	Expanding palliative care for older Canberrans	408	363	373	519	1,663				0
HEA E07	Investing in medical and health research	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	3,000				0
HEA E08	Supporting better healthcare for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer Canberrans	87	0	0	0	87				0
HEA E09	Implementing the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse	321	377	285	289	1,272				0
HEA E11	Expanding public healthcare services for eating disorders	179	442	683	913	2,217				0
HEA E13	Delivering better care for Canberrans with complex needs through general practice	500	1,000	1,000	0	2,500				0
HEA E14	Strengthening capacity for mental health care	226	231	0	0	457				0
HEA E15	Delivering the ACT Strategic Priorities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health 2019-2028	180	310	310	315	1,115				0
HEA E16a	Delivering the ACT Drug Strategy Action Plan	200	0	0	0	200				0
HEA E16b	Delivering the ACT Drug Strategy Action Plan	300	308	315	323	1,246				0

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# BUDGET ESTIMATES BRIEF

## Attachment B (continued)

Treasury Ref	Mental Health	Recurrent				Capital					
		2019-20 \$'000's	2020-21 \$'000's	2021-22 \$'000's	2022-23 \$'000's	Total \$'000's	2019-20 \$'000's	2020-21 \$'000's	2021-22 \$'000's	2022-23 \$'000's	Total \$'000's
<b>Canberra Health Services</b>											
HEA E18		320	328	337	342	1,327					0
HEA E23		560	588	144	0	1,292					0
HEA E25		300	0	0	0	300					0
Protecting teens with meningococcal ACWV vaccinations											
Implementing the Nurses and Midwives - Towards a Safer Culture - The First Step strategy											
Co-design and Planning: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Alcohol and Drug Residential Rehabilitation Facility											
HEA CW08		0	-30	-30	-30	-90					2,114
HEA E31		2,500	4,000	4,000	0	10,500	788	1,326			0
Implementing real time prescription monitoring											
Implementing the Independent Review into the Workplace Culture within ACT Public Health Services											
<b>Corporate</b>											
HEA CW01		0	3,990	14,990	20,510	39,490	3,000	30,000	10,550	0	43,550
HEA CW02		0	200	400	500	1,100	53,700	42,300	126,900	159,000	381,900
HEA CW04		0	0	60	120	180	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	6,000
HEA CW05		0	2,648	2,687	2,744	8,079	1,100	614	0	0	1,714
HEA CW09		2,860	4,625	7,975	4,487	19,947	3,920	24,574	25,504	16,380	70,378
Expanding the Centenary Hospital for Women and Children											
Delivering the SPIRE Centre at Canberra Hospital											
Expanding the Clare Holland House to strength palliative care											
Delivering the Inner North Walk in Centre											
ACT Health Core IT Systems to align with the Digital Health Strategy											
<b>Calvary</b>											
HEA E01		432	962	991	1,021	3,406	2,500				2,500
HEA E03		1,539	3,302	3,451	3,625	11,927	640	14			654
HEA E04		3,021	6,143	6,352	6,475	21,991					0
Expanding the emergency department at Calvary Public Hospital											
<b>Cross-agency</b>											
CSD 03c		1,179	1,208	1,239	1,270	4,896					0
CSD E15		216	296	296	301	1,109					0
JACS E39		300	0	0	0	300					0
JACS E01	MH	82	277	285	0	644					0
NDIS Full Scheme											
Domestic & Family Violence Frontline training											
Improving the safety of older drivers											
A Safer Canberra - CHS resources for fixated threat mgnt capability trial											

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**Portfolio:** Health & Wellbeing  
Mental Health

**ISSUE: 2. Summary of 2019-20 Federal Budget – Impact on ACT Health**

**Talking points:**

- The ACT looks forward to working with the Commonwealth and other states and territories to progress tangible and sustainable health sector outcomes which can improve access to affordable and high-quality health care.
- The ACT Government welcomes the funding announced in the 2019-20 Budget including:
  - expansion of Clare Holland House (\$4 million);
  - more clinical trials (\$0.6 million over 3 years); and
  - an expansion of the Intensive Care Unit at Canberra Hospital (\$13.5 million over 4 years).
- The ACT is seeking further clarity from the Commonwealth relating to the Budget announcements made through media releases, including:
  - a second Headspace centre (\$3.4 million);
  - a new eating disorders centre (\$13.5 million);
  - youth mental health and suicide prevention (\$6 million); and
  - drug and alcohol addiction programs, community withdrawal support services (\$7.9 million) and more residential beds (\$4 million).
- The Commonwealth funding for adult dental care will be provided for only one year in 2019-20. All states and territories seek an ongoing commitment from the Commonwealth for this funding, as raised by the NSW Minister in previous COAG Health Council meetings.

**Key / background information**

- The 2019-20 Federal Budget was handed down on Tuesday 2 April 2019.

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**Portfolio:** Health & Wellbeing

## **ISSUE: 2019-20 Community Budget Consultations: Non-Funding of Initiatives**

### **Talking points:**

- The annual Budget consultation process provides Canberrans, community groups and local organisations with an opportunity to suggest how and where the ACT Government should invest funding to boost services and infrastructure.
- Many of the community budget submissions contained considered and worthwhile ideas.
- A number of the initiatives that are being funded in this budget relate to issues raised during the community consultations.
- However, in other instances, as a result of the prevailing financial environment, the ACT Health Directorate was not able to fund the initiatives, in addition to funding strategic priority areas for the 2019-20 Budget.
- In addition, the submissions received will be revisited as part of the preparation for the 2020-2021 budget cycle.

### **Background Information**

- The 2019-20 Budget Consultations, conducted by ACT Treasury, closed on 31 October 2018. 141 submissions were received from individuals and organisations.
- Please refer to GBC18/901 for analysis of all community budget consultation proposals.

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**Portfolio:** Health & Wellbeing**ISSUE: Community Budget Consultations: Outcome****Talking points:**

- The annual Budget Consultations process provides Canberrans, community groups and local organisations with an opportunity to suggest how and where the ACT Government should invest funding to boost services and infrastructure.
- This process attracted a range of proposals, the majority related to general practice and community-based healthcare, rather than hospitals and specialist care services.
- The community budget proposals that directly correlate to initiatives that are being funded in this budget are described below:

**Aged and Palliative Care**

- Council of the Ageing called for improved access to palliative care in residential aged care.
- This Budget provides funding for two nurse practitioners to implement a proactive support program to improve palliative and end-of-life care coordination of older people living in residential aged care facilities.

**Implementing recommendations from the Royal Commission**

- Parentline ACT sought funding to pilot a new program in response to the recommendations of the recent Royal Commission into Organisational Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, to support parents either who were victims themselves of child sexual abuse or to assist parents that want to take more active steps to prevent their own children becoming victims of sexual abuse.
- The Government will implement health-related recommendations from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The Child Safe, Child Friendly and Child Aware Framework will be implemented across ACT hospitals and health services in response to the relevant Royal Commission's recommendations.

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**Health Responses to LGBTIQ**

- AIDS Action council of the ACT called for professional counselling services to support LGBTIQ communities, whose members experience higher levels of mental health needs.
- A Gender Agenda sought funding for an intersex project worker and a training officer for community outreach.
- This Budget provides \$87,000 for a 12-month detailed scoping study to consider the ACT Government LGBTIQ Strategy and its implications for health services in the ACT.

**Preventive health**

- Living Streets Canberra called for all Canberrans to be supported and encouraged to choose walking for everyday journeys to improve their health and the liveability of Canberra.
- Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health and Community Services sought funding for the recurrent funding of a healthy weight program.
- Council on the Ageing ACT requested funding for a strength training program to enhance wellbeing, management of musculoskeletal conditions and independence.
- Capital Health Network (CHN) called for funding to deliver training for a GP-led weight management program to decrease the burden of overweight and obesity on the ACT health system. CHN also called for funding support to increase participation rates in cancer screening programs.
- Australian Capital Territory Council of Social Services requested preventative health interventions aimed at the social determinants of health such as interventions on food security in the ACT.
- The ACT Preventive Health and Wellbeing Plan, currently under development by the Health Directorate, will focus on the action areas that influence the future health of all Canberrans, including specifically addressing the modifiable risk factors for chronic disease such as healthy weight, nutrition, physical activity, tobacco and alcohol.

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## BUDGET ESTIMATES BRIEF

- The plan will align with, and underpin, the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate Wellbeing Indicators, a whole of government approach to addressing the social determinants of health and wellbeing.

### Background Information

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**ISSUE: Savings Targets for Health – 2019-20****(Health Budget Statements)****Talking points:**

- Savings targets have not been applied to the 2019-20 Budget for the Health portfolio. There are ongoing savings targets applicable from prior years, including the continuation of a savings efficiency of \$10 million per year until 2020-21.
- Canberra Health Services will be required to internally fund (\$4.626 million over four years) the recruitment of two Senior Staff Specialists within the Emergency Department, in response to increasing demand.
- Canberra Health Services will also contribute \$0.401m toward the SMS Procurement Savings – Health Labour Hire Project.
- Worker's Compensation savings have been applied across ACT Health, Canberra Health Services and Calvary Public Hospital totalling \$9.195m. ACT Treasury have confirmed these will be achieved through reduced premiums from 2019-20.
- In addition, savings will be achieved through reduced Insurance Premiums of \$3.8m and these have also been confirmed by ACT Insurance Authority.

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# 2019-20 ACT Budget

ACT Health Directorate Communications Package



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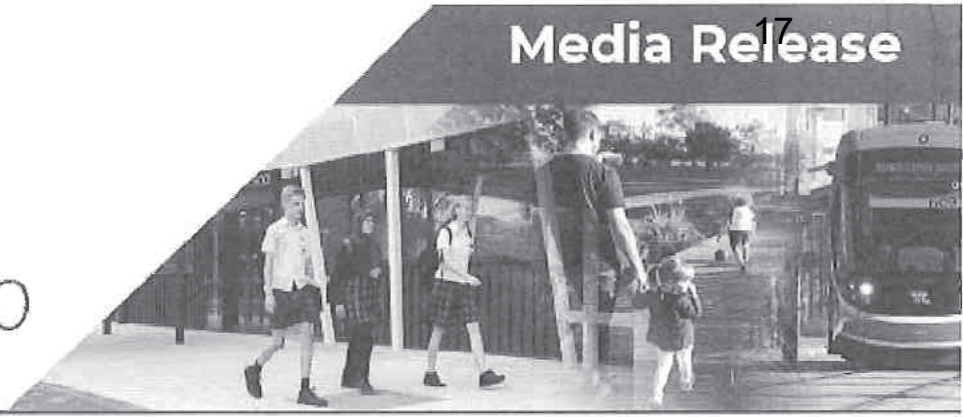
- Mental Health package

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## Future-proofing Canberra's health and hospital services

The 2019-20 ACT Budget delivers major new investment in infrastructure and services to future-proof our health system and help meet the healthcare needs of the entire Canberra region into the coming decade.

### Growing health infrastructure

From 2019-20 we will invest \$848 million in new and upgraded health infrastructure for Canberra.

At the Canberra Hospital campus, the major new Surgical Procedures, Interventional Radiology and Emergency (SPIRE) Centre will provide state-of-the-art critical care to meet the acute health care needs of our region into the future.

The SPIRE Centre will deliver 114 Emergency Department treatment spaces – 39 more than are currently available at the Canberra Hospital, as well as 60 ICU beds – doubling the number currently available.

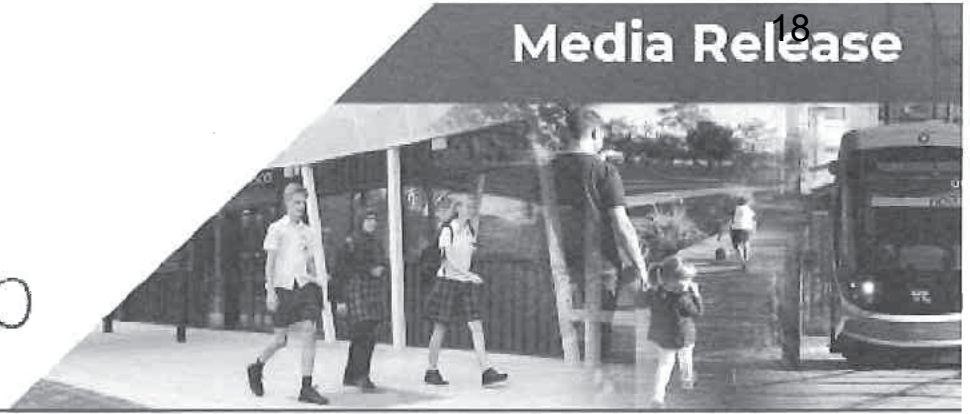
SPIRE will include four new paediatric ICU beds and a family zone to provide support services for families who have children in the ICU. It will also deliver 22 new state-of-the-art operating theatres – nine more than are currently available, including hybrid theatres and interventional radiology theatres that will support the most advanced medical technology and techniques in caring for Canberrans.

In addition to SPIRE, we are investing in more beds across Canberra Health Services to help reduce waiting times and ensure that Canberrans receive the critical care they need, when the need it. This will include resourcing four additional intensive care unit beds and 12 beds for inpatient services in medicine, surgery and aged care.

We are also significantly expanding the Centenary Hospital for Women and Children which is co-located with Canberra Hospital, to support women and young people needing maternity services and other specialist care.

We will boost elective surgery at Calvary Public Hospital Bruce by expanding theatres at the hospital, and add more doctors and nurses to staff the new Emergency Department when the expansion we delivered through last year's Budget is complete.

We are building a new Walk-in Centre in Dickson to provide faster access to care for minor injury and illness for people living and working in Canberra's Inner North. This will bring Canberra's network of Walk-In Centres to five across Gungahlin, Weston Creek, Belconnen, Tuggeranong and now Dickson.



## More staff and stronger health services

The 2019 Budget will invest in more services and specialists to help keep people out of hospital, reduce waiting times, remove people from waiting lists and give Canberrans access to more timely care. This includes a new program to develop better integrated pathways and improve health outcomes for people with complex and ongoing chronic health conditions, which will be co-designed with general practitioners.

We will deliver more doctors at the Canberra Hospital's Emergency Department to help reduce waiting times and respond to increasing demand. We are delivering another Interventional Radiology suite to provide state of the art care for cancer and stroke patients and funding new and upgraded MRIs. We are also boosting pharmacy services so that people who are treated at the Canberra Hospital can get access to their medications more quickly and easily.

Through the Budget we will make a significant investment in specialist services supporting Canberrans with chronic and ongoing conditions. This includes expanded services for childhood and gestational diabetes, dermatology, rheumatology and the Fracture Clinic at the Canberra Hospital, as well as an expansion of the urology service at Calvary Public Hospital Bruce. We will also deliver a new and simpler model to access maternity services, further boosting our support for expectant mums and families.

We will also make significant investments in medical and health research and in new technology to support patients and our workforce, including the development of a Digital Health Record to support Canberrans care in our public health system. The ACT Government is committed to delivering a strong public health system with a positive work culture for all our employees. We will make a substantial investment to implement the recommendations of the *Independent Review into the Workplace Culture within ACT Public Health Services*, promoting a healthier culture, reducing inappropriate workplace behaviour and re-engaging staff. We will also invest in funding to implement the *Nurses and Midwives: Towards a Safer Culture Strategy*.

## More mental health care for Canberrans

The 2019 Budget includes more support for mental health services and people experiencing mental illness so they can get access to a better range of treatment options.

We will deliver more staff resources for the Adult Mental Health Unit at Canberra Hospital to enable a more comprehensive psychosocial approach to treatment, care and support for patients. This investment will also support workforce development and improved clinical care standards.

We will expand the Mental Health Consultation Liaison Service to operate seven days a week, providing more support for people with mental illness at Canberra Hospital with a particular focus on people admitted into medical and surgical wards and those presenting to the Emergency Department.

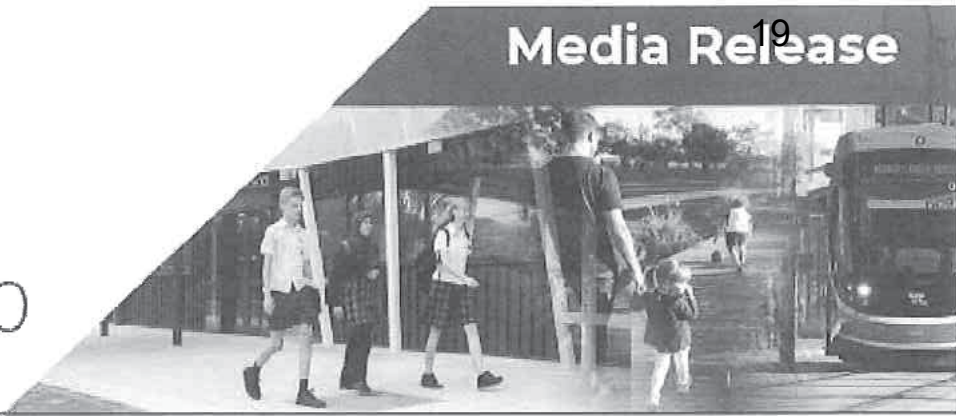
And we will establish an Eating Disorders Specialist Clinical Hub and a community-based intervention support service to expand the range of eating disorder services available in the ACT and make these available to more Canberrans.

Through the Budget we will also start work on designing a Police, Ambulance and Clinician Early Response (PACER) model which will enable our first responders to provide better support for people experiencing acute mental health





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incidents. This will bring together police, ambulance paramedics and mental health clinicians to support the safe assessment and treatment of people experiencing acute mental health episodes without the need for admission to hospital.

### **More support for people overcoming addiction**

In response to community feedback about growing areas of need across Canberra's health services, we will step up our investment in drug and alcohol services to help tackle addiction and see more people get the support they need.

We will establish a new opioid maintenance treatment clinic in Canberra's north. This will deliver more timely access to treatment for those living on the northside to help them engage with the program. We will also undertake a feasibility study and needs assessment for a medically supervised injecting facility in the ACT and continue to support Canberrans whose drug and alcohol use is a factor in their involvement in the criminal justice system.

We will continue to partner with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to develop a culturally appropriate residential service supporting drug and alcohol rehabilitation for people in the ACT. This future service will be designed to complement existing services.

We will also recruit new specialised nursing staff to enhance drug and alcohol services at the Alexander Maconochie Centre. This will expand the existing opiate replacement treatment service and provide a range of additional drug and alcohol services. This will enable services to be delivered seven days a week so that we can better support detainees to deal with their addiction issues while they are in custody.

Through the 2019-20 ACT Budget we are building a better healthcare system that can meet the needs of our growing community today and in the years to come – delivering a healthier future for all Canberrans.

**Statement ends**

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# Budget stats/messaging

- Health is one of the ACT Government's biggest priorities.
- As our city grows, so too does the demand for hospital and health services.
- The Budget delivers major new investments in infrastructure and services to future-proof our health system.
- The Budget is providing better local healthcare to Canberrans that is closer to where people live.
- The Budget includes more support for mental health services and people experiencing mental illness, so they can get access to a better range of treatment options.

## Overall health budget stats

- **\$8 billion over 4 years** supporting the health of Canberrans (including infrastructure funding).
- **In 2019-20 this means \$1.9 billion** for the ACT public health system (including infrastructure funding).
- **\$688 million over 4 years** for mental health, with \$24.2 million in new funding this year (including \$2.5 million in capital).
- **In 2019-20 this means \$165.2 million** for mental health compared with \$157 million in 2018-19.

## Infrastructure

- From 2019-20 the Government will invest **\$848 million** in new and upgraded health infrastructure for Canberra.
- Projects include the:
  - Surgical Procedures, Interventional Radiology and Emergency Centre (SPIRE), which is the largest health infrastructure project in the ACT,
  - expansion in the Centenary Hospital for Women and Children,
  - rollout of our network of five Walk-in Centres (construction underway on Weston Creek, and funding to commence the Inner North Centre in this Budget),
  - upgrade of ICT systems across public hospitals and health services, and

- continued investment in maintaining and upgrading existing health infrastructure.

#### Workforce

- This year's Budget provides additional staff to ensure our services can manage increases in demand.
- This includes 185 FTE in 2019-20 with:
  - 16 medical (doctors),
  - 77.5 nurses,
  - 40 allied health professionals, and
  - 51.5 administrative staff.

#### Walk-in Centre demand

- Our Walk-in Centres are more popular than ever, with existing centres in Belconnen and Tuggeranong seeing over 22,500 presentations each year, and in its first six months of operation, our latest centre in Gungahlin seeing over 14,000.

**Pulli, Tracey (Health)**

**From:** ACT Government Executive Media  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 28 May 2019 1:27 PM  
**Subject:** BARR / FITZHARRIS MEDIA RELEASE - SPIRE Centre set to transform The Canberra Hospital  
**Attachments:** Artist impression of SPIRE.JPG

**Media release****Andrew Barr** MLA**Chief Minister**

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**Meegan Fitzharris** MLA

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Minister for Medical and Health Research

Minister for Transport

Minister for Vocational Education and Skills

Member for Yerrabi

28 May 2019

**SPIRE Centre set to transform The Canberra Hospital**

**The new Surgical Procedures, Interventional Radiology and Emergency (SPIRE) Centre will future-proof hospital facilities for Canberra and our region by transforming the acute health services delivered at The Canberra Hospital.**

The SPIRE Centre will deliver 114 Emergency Department treatment spaces – 39 more than are currently available at The Canberra Hospital, as well as 60 ICU beds – doubling the number currently available.

SPIRE will include four new paediatric ICU beds and a family zone to provide support services for families who have children in the ICU.

It will also deliver 22 new state-of-the-art operating theatres – nine more than are currently available, including hybrid theatres and interventional radiology theatres that will support the most advanced medical technology and techniques in caring for Canberrans.

Chief Minister Andrew Barr said the delivery of SPIRE forms part of the ACT Government's plan to future-proof Canberra's healthcare system to meet ongoing growth in demand for high quality, free public healthcare.

"The SPIRE Centre was one of our most significant commitments at the 2016 election. We are getting on with delivering it because we understand how important it is to be building now to meet Canberra's healthcare needs into the future."



Minister for Health and Wellbeing Meegan Fitzharris said the original scope of the SPIRE Centre has been expanded as a result of consultation with the clinical workforce and we look forward to that continuing as Canberra Health Services (CHS) works through the finer details.

“ACT Health and CHS have engaged with clinicians extensively and we’ve listened,” Minister Fitzharris said.

“The SPIRE Centre we are announcing today will be bigger and better than first planned and will provide the best outcomes for our community and for our current and future health workforce.

“Many of the key aspects of SPIRE have been boosted, with this state-of-the-art critical care and surgical facility able to meet the acute healthcare needs of our growing and ageing community well into the future.”

This significant investment by the ACT Government will be complemented by a new Australian National University (ANU) building that will boost the teaching, training and research presence on The Canberra Hospital campus.

“This investment by the ANU means Canberra and the SPIRE Centre will be very attractive to the best and brightest students and clinicians nationally and internationally who want to do their medical training and research in a modern, state-of-the-art facility.”

Canberra Health Services Chief Executive Officer Bernadette McDonald said she was excited about the expansion in the scope of SPIRE and the ANU’s contribution.

“The expanded SPIRE project will be fantastic for the ACT community as well as for Canberra Health Services staff,” Ms McDonald said.

“The additional theatres, intensive care beds and ED cubicles will help future-proof us for demand that is to come.

“While we have all these services now, SPIRE builds on our existing capacity through a project that will be custom-designed on the advice of our clinicians to improve safety, patient experience and the working environment for our staff.”

The new Surgical Procedures, Interventional Radiology and Emergency Centre (SPIRE) will be located at the eastern end of the Canberra Hospital campus. Preparatory site works for SPIRE will get underway with decanting and site works commencing this year, with construction set for completion in 2023-24.

Further information on the new features of SPIRE is available at: <https://www.health.act.gov.au/about-our-health-system/planning-future/surgical-procedures-interventional-radiology-and-emergency>

Through the 2019-20 ACT Budget we are building for Canberra’s future by investing in the hospital and healthcare facilities our growing city needs – today and in the years to come.

#### Statement ends

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# Features of SPIRE at Canberra Hospital



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Artist impression of the SPIRE Centre at Canberra Hospital



**The new Surgical Procedures, Interventional Radiology and Emergency Centre (SPIRE) at the Canberra Hospital has been expanded following extensive consultation with the clinical workforce over the past 12 months. The new Centre will deliver more services for the community in a purpose-built facility.**

SPIRE will include:

- 148 beds and 22 theatres

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- a new and expanded Intensive Care Unit including paediatric intensive care

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- a new and expanded Coronary Care Unit including interventional cardiology services

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- a new and expanded Emergency Department

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- integrated radiology and medical imaging facilities.

Many of the key aspects of SPIRE have been boosted, with this state-of-the-art critical care and surgical facility able to meet the acute healthcare needs of our growing and ageing community well into the future.

SPIRE will be built at the eastern end of the hospital campus. The construction of SPIRE is anticipated to be completed in 2023-24.

## Intensive Care Unit

The new Intensive Care Unit (ICU) will have 60 beds – double what is currently available.

The ICU will include:

- 4 specialist paediatric beds, originally part of the expansion of the Centenary Hospital for Women Children,
- a new family zone that will provide families who have children in the ICU access to a support area including a lounge and play area,
- a rehabilitation gymnasium to provide early, integrated rehabilitation - to get ICU patients moving to assist in their recovery,
- a dedicated pod of beds which can be converted into a complete isolation pod in the event of an infectious threat, and
- dedicated critical care bays, which will enable high-end, complex interventions, reducing the need to transfer these patients to interstate facilities.

## Emergency Department

The new Emergency Department (ED) will have 114 treatment spaces – 39 more than currently available at Canberra Hospital. In addition, the new ED will include:

- 4 behavioural assessment rooms,
- bariatric and superbariatric treatment spaces,
- a separate paediatrics stream treatment area, and
- other consultation and procedural areas, including specific waiting areas for treatment streams.

Furthermore, 10 Mental Health Short Stay Unit treatment spaces will be provided in SPIRE.

## Coronary Care Unit

The Coronary Care Unit will include:

- 24 acute cardiac care beds, including bariatric and isolation beds,
- 4 interventional cardiac laboratories, including one hybrid cardiac laboratory and one electrophysiology laboratory, and
- 27 interventional unit day beds.

## Contacts

Further information on SPIRE and the BHSP is available on the ACT Health website. [health.act.gov.au/infrastructure](http://health.act.gov.au/infrastructure) | [BuildingHealthServicesProgram@act.gov.au](mailto:BuildingHealthServicesProgram@act.gov.au)

## Surgical and medical imaging facilities

SPIRE will increase the number of theatres at Canberra Hospital from 13 to 22. This will include state-of-the-art hybrid and interventional radiology theatres to allow the latest advances in medical technology to be used.

SPIRE will add to the medical imaging facilities available at Canberra Hospital, with:

- 2 new X-ray machines,
- 3 CT Scanners, and
- an MRI machine.

SPIRE will also include more inpatient wards with 64 beds for overnight care and storage spaces for important medical equipment.

## Teaching and learning

The Australian National University (ANU) have announced a new ANU building that will boost the teaching, training and research presence on the Hospital campus.

This is a significant investment in the SPIRE Centre that will co-locate medical research, the use of the latest technologies and clinical training and teaching.

It will ensure Canberra is best placed to attract the best and brightest students and clinicians nationally and internationally.

## The Building Health Services Program

SPIRE is part of the Building Health Services Program (BHSP), which is ensuring the changing health care needs of our rapidly growing community will continue to be met into the future.

Other major infrastructure projects as part of BHSP include the expansion of the Centenary Hospital for Women and Children, the scoping study for northside hospital services and completion of the network of five Walk-in Centres across Canberra.



**Pulli, Tracey (Health)**

**From:** ACT Government Executive Media  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 29 May 2019 1:40 PM  
**Subject:** FITZHARRIS MEDIA RELEASE - More services and elective surgery at Calvary Public Hospital

**Media release****Meegan Fitzharris** MLA

Minister for Health and Wellbeing  
 Minister for Higher Education  
 Minister for Medical and Health Research  
 Minister for Transport  
 Minister for Vocational Education and Skills

Member for Yerrabi

29 May 2019

**More services and elective surgery at Calvary Public Hospital**

**More elective surgeries and an expanded Emergency Department will be the focus of a major new investment in Calvary Public Hospital Bruce as the ACT Government continues to future proof our health care system.**

The number of operating theatres at Calvary Public Hospital Bruce will be boosted to enable more people to undergo elective surgery at the hospital. The capacity of the Emergency Department will also grow, with more doctors and nurses to staff the new ED when its expansion is complete.

Minister for Health and Wellbeing Meegan Fitzharris said the government was committed to expanding the capacity of health services across Canberra.

“As our city grows, so too does the demand for hospital and health services,” Minister Fitzharris said.

“This funding package will deliver a much-needed boost for Calvary Public Hospital on the northside of Canberra.

“It will provide funding for 81 new doctors, nurses, administration and other health professionals at Calvary Hospital over two years. This includes 46 new staff in the new expanded ED once complete.

“It will expand Calvary’s capacity to perform elective surgery, with two new theatres being commissioned and 31 new staff to support the theatres as they come online – one theatre to come online in 2019-20 and the second theatre in 2020-21.

“And we will ensure more urology services are delivered at Calvary Public Hospital with an expanded service to meet the growing demand for urology surgery in the ACT, with four new staff.

“Expanding these services at Calvary will help get people off the waiting list, and allow additional minor day procedures to be carried out at the hospital, and for these surgical services to be co-located with outpatient services,” Minister Fitzharris said.

These new services and infrastructure will see an additional \$40.5 million investment in Calvary Public Hospital over the next four years.

**Statement ends**

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**Pulli, Tracey (Health)**

**Subject:** FW: Chief Minister media release - Free local health care for the Inner North at new walk-in centre [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

**From:** ACT Government Executive Media

**Sent:** Saturday, 1 June 2019 8:37 AM

**Subject:** Chief Minister media release - Free local health care for the Inner North at new walk-in centre

**Media release**

**Andrew Barr** MLA

**Chief Minister**

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Minister for Tourism and Special Events

Minister for Trade, Industry and Investment

Member for Kurrajong

1 June 2019

## Free local health care for the Inner North at new walk-in centre

The ACT Government is delivering on our promise for a new walk-in centre for the Inner North, completing the network of five nurse-led walk-in centres across the ACT.

The new walk-in centre will be co-located at the Dickson Community Health Centre along Dickson Place, providing health care closer to home for Inner North residents.

The new walk-in centre will be located in the Dickson Group Centre and near the new light rail transport route, making it easy and convenient to access.

Our walk-in centres are more popular than ever, with the existing centres in Belconnen and Tuggeranong now seeing over 22,500 presentations a year. Since the new Gungahlin centre opened six months ago, it has already seen over 10,000 presentations for care.

Canberra's walk-in centres provide free and convenient health care for non-urgent injuries or illnesses – like coughs and colds or cuts and abrasions from minor accidents. Giving Canberrans access to nurse-led care not only means they can get seen sooner for these injuries or illnesses, but also helps take pressure off our Emergency Departments.

Executive Director of the Health Care Consumers' Association Darlene Cox welcomed the investment.

"The walk-in centres are a highly valued part of our health system," Ms Cox said.

"We are very pleased to see Government investment to build on the existing number of walk-in centres and provide access to this service for the growing population of the Inner North."

This investment will be used to upgrade the existing Dickson Community Health Centre, with four treatment rooms added for the new walk-in centre within the building's existing footprint.

The walk-in centre will complement the existing services provided at the Community Health Centre, which includes Maternal and Child Health (MACH) services.

Construction is already underway on Canberra's fourth walk-in centre in Weston Creek, which is due to be operational by the end of this year. With the location now decided for the new Inner North Walk-in Centre, this is planned to start taking patients in late 2020.

This \$9.8 million investment for the Inner North Walk-in Centre fully delivers on our commitment to grow the network of centres across Canberra to five, and is a Labor-Greens Parliamentary Agreement item.

By delivering more great community health care facilities today, we are growing the services and infrastructure Canberrans will need for better health and wellbeing in the years to come.

**Statement ends**

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**Pulli, Tracey (Health)**

**Subject:** FW: RATTENBURY: ACT Budget growing mental and justice health services for the future [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

**From:** ACT Government Executive Media

**Sent:** Monday, 3 June 2019 6:43 AM

**Subject:** RATTENBURY: ACT Budget growing mental and justice health services for the future

**Media release****Shane Rattenbury** MLA

Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability  
 Minister for Corrections and Justice Health  
 Minister for Justice, Consumer Affairs and Road Safety  
 Minister for Mental Health

Member for Kurrajong

Monday 3 June 2019

## **The right services, at the right place, at the right time: ACT Budget growing mental and justice health services for the future**

**The ACT Government is investing to deliver better mental health and justice health services in the ACT – ensuring more Canberrans can access the right services, where and when they need them.**

Around one third of Canberrans will need mental health care at some stage in their lives. This means that our local services and facilities have to expand as our population grows so that all Canberrans can get the right help and support when it's needed.

Through the 2019-20 ACT Budget we are investing in both acute and community-based services, delivering better support for people experiencing severe mental health episodes and those managing chronic conditions.

This Budget also places an important focus on early intervention. Early intervention can make a real difference by improving lives, building resilience in our communities, keeping people well for longer, and reducing avoidable use of acute and crisis services.

New mental health initiatives delivered through this year's budget include:



- Planning for a new Police, Ambulance and Clinician Early Response
- Additional beds for Adult Mental Health Unit
- More mental health services at Canberra Hospital
- More support for mental health carers
- Diverting people with mental illness from the justice system
- Enhanced drug and alcohol services for detainees in the Alexander Maconochie Centre.

#### **Planning for a new Police, Ambulance and Clinician Early Response**

We will undertake planning and design work for a Police, Ambulance and Clinician Early Response (PACER) service to better support Canberrans experiencing acute mental health episodes. This will focus on designing an integrated service model which brings together police, ambulance paramedics and mental health clinicians to support the safe assessment and treatment of people experiencing acute mental health episodes, minimising both avoidable hospital presentations and contact with the justice system for people with mental health conditions.

#### **More beds for the Adult Mental Health Unit**

We are boosting allied health and nursing staff at the Adult Mental Health Unit at The Canberra Hospital. This will ensure inpatients are provided more comprehensive psychosocial care to support their recovery and management of their mental health, while also supporting stronger workforce development.

#### **Expansion of Mental Health Consultation Liaison Services**

We will expand the Mental Health Consultation Liaison Service to operate seven days a week. The expanded service will provide support to people with mental illness across The Canberra Hospital campus, with a particular focus on people admitted into medical and surgical wards and those presenting to the Emergency Department. The expanded service will ensure that mental health issues can be safely managed in general wards and will reduce pressure on acute inpatient mental health beds.

#### **Expansion of eating disorder service**

We will establish an Eating Disorders Specialist Clinical Hub and a community-based intervention support service to expand the range of eating disorder services available in the ACT and make these available to more Canberrans. Through this initiative we will also establish a project team to review current demand and plan for future service needs.

#### **More mental health services at The Canberra Hospital**

We will establish an Electroconvulsive Therapy service within the Adult Mental Health Unit at The Canberra Hospital. This new service will provide better access to necessary therapy for patients experiencing mental health issues like depression and psychosis.

Having a dedicated Electroconvulsive Therapy service at the AMHU will significantly improve access to this clinical service for patients, leading to reduced length of stay for inpatients and fewer relapses for people requiring maintenance therapy in the community.

#### **More support for mental health carers**

We are recruiting two Carer Engagement Clinicians to pilot a range of support and psychosocial education activities that will build capacity for the families and carers of people with mental health conditions. This investment recognises the stressors and challenges that mental health carers face and the impact this can have on their own health and wellbeing. This initiative will strengthen the resilience of carers and consumers and support the involvement of mental health carers in care and recovery planning.

#### **Diverting more people with mental illness from the justice system**

We will provide more staff to respond to the growing number of Canberrans with complex needs appearing before the ACT Courts, and support strengthening diversion processes away from the Courts where possible.

This initiative directly supports and integrates with the Government's agenda to 'build communities not prisons' – helping divert people from prison by supporting their mental health needs in the community. It wil



also provide more capacity to deliver mental health assessments and supports at the Courts, which is often a place where Canberrans can experience particularly high levels of stress and administrative pressure.

#### **Enhanced drug and alcohol services for detainees**

In response to existing demand and feedback from the community sector regarding unmet need, we will boost resources for the Justice Health service to enhance drug and alcohol services at the Alexander Maconochie Centre. Recruiting additional specialised nursing staff will support an expansion of the existing opiate replacement treatment service and the delivery of a range of additional drug and alcohol services. Detainees will be able to access services seven days a week, and the service expansion will mean they are better supported to engage with their substance use issues while also forming essential linkages with counselling and services that may help them once released back into the community.

This \$24.2 million package of investments will strengthen Canberra's mental and justice health services today and in the years to come. As our city grows, we are ensuring that the services and supports which help Canberrans with their mental health and wellbeing grow too.

*Media: Minister Rattenbury will be made available for interview at 10:45am today at the Legislative Assembly on request. Photos, audio and interviews with community stakeholders will also be made available on request.*

**Statement ends**

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**DIRECTORATE INPUT**

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Purpose:	To provide talking points in relation to the reprofiling
Topic:	Safer Families Budget Initiatives
Requested by:	Community Services Directorate
Requested date:	31 May 2019
Date due to MAGS:	31 May 2019
Date due to requester:	31 May 2019
TRIM Ref:	COR19/13510

Director-General, ACT Health \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / 2019

Request details:

As media attention is highly likely on the Safer Families initiatives, CSD have asked if we can provide a few talking points on the initiatives that affect us.

Also see attached the CSD messaging that has been done so far. In track changes can we please add a few talking points on our initiative/s? We can do this under a sub heading in the document.

Content for Clearance:

- In recognition of the relationship between domestic and family violence and alcohol and other drug use, funding was allocated through the ACT Government Budget Safer Families initiative to increase the capacity of the ACT's alcohol and other drug sector to respond to domestic and family violence.
- The initial phase of work, under the '*Safer Families: specialist alcohol and other drug treatment*' project resulted in the development of a suite of tools to assess and build the capacity of the ACT's specialist alcohol and other drug sector.
- The next phase of this work, the Baseline Assessment project, will provide a comprehensive overview of the capacity and capability, both at an organisational and sector level, of the ACT's alcohol and other drug specialist treatment sector to respond to domestic and family violence.
- The Baseline Assessment project is due to conclude in late September 2019.
- Future decision to improve capacity and capability will be made following the baseline assessment.

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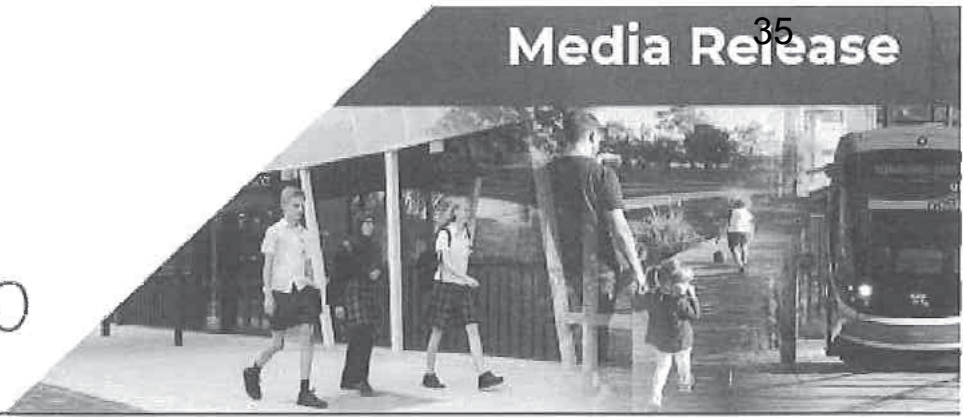
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## Investing in a more inclusive Canberra

The 2019-20 ACT Budget strengthens our investment in social services to see Canberra continue becoming even more inclusive.

### Better services for older Canberrans

We recognise that as our city grows and our population ages, we need to strengthen our investment in better, more accessible services for older Canberrans. That's why we will be enhancing the provision of Seniors Cards and boosting the annual Seniors Week program through this year's Budget.

### Improving frontline services through the Safer Families Levy

We are committed to tackling domestic and family violence in partnership with the community, which is why we introduced the Safer Families Levy in 2016.

As the initial four-year initiatives funded through the levy reach completion, we are updating our approach to continue the focus on frontline services while providing funding for new initiatives to further innovate and improve our response to domestic and family violence.

New initiatives to be funded in 2019 will focus on delivering family-centred responses for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families impacted by family violence; reducing the risk of deaths from family violence; supporting pregnant women at risk of domestic and family violence; extending the Room4Change program to help prevent family violence; and training ACT Government frontline workers to respond to family violence.

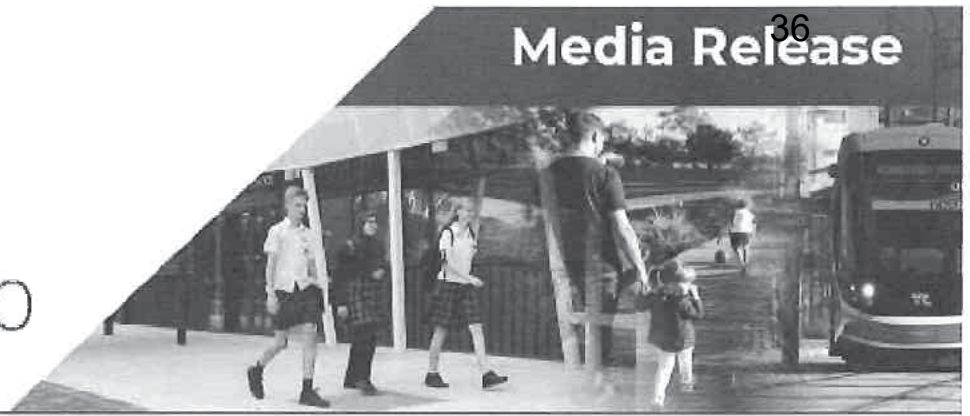
### Supporting people with disability

The ACT has led the country in delivering the National Disability Insurance Scheme, and we will continue to invest in support for Canberrans with disability as states and territories move to the full scheme arrangements from 1 July 2019. About 6,800 Canberrans are now accessing individual packages of services and supports through the scheme, and we are committed to doing our part to ensure the NDIS is fully funded to deliver better outcomes for participants.

At the same time as we are growing the ACT's contribution to the NDIS, we will maintain existing disability services that are not eligible as in-kind contributions under the scheme. This will ensure these services remain free and accessible for Canberrans with disability who are not currently receiving an individual support package through the NDIS.

This will include continuing to invest in the Children and Young People's Equipment Loan Scheme, the Child Development Service, the ACT Taxi Subsidy Scheme, the Integrated Service Response Program and Rehabilitation, Aged and Community Care supports.





## Stepping up for our kids

Through this year's Budget we are boosting our investment in the continuum of care under the out of home care strategy *A Step up for Our Kids*, supporting children and young people who cannot live safely at home. We will continue to work collaboratively with foster and kinship carers and our service partners to embed a therapeutic, trauma-informed model of care for our most vulnerable children and young people.

We will also continue implementing recommendations of the *Our Booris, Our Way* Review to address the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out of home care. This will include more training and workforce development to increase the cultural proficiency of staff as well as implementing the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principles.

## Therapeutic Care Children's Court

We want to deliver the best outcomes possible for children if they are involved in legal matters. So through this year's Budget we will establish a Therapeutic Care Court for care and protection matters in the Children's Court.

This will provide for court-led interventions for parents whose children have been removed from their care or are at risk of being removed from their care. The Therapeutic Care Court will seek to deliver the best outcomes for our children and their families by addressing parental substance abuse issues, parenting capacity issues, family violence and mental health issues.

We will also support this investment by bolstering Legal Aid ACT to provide a new full time duty solicitor service in the Children's Court. This will provide extended services for parents, grandparents and guardians who are involved in care and protection proceedings.

Importantly, these measures will help reduce the risk of children and young people entering or remaining in the criminal justice system and support their families to remain connected and together where it is safe for them to do so.

## Supporting children and young people at risk

We will continue working to reduce young people's contact with the youth justice system and provide early support and programs that reduce the likelihood of offending later in life. We will also increase our investment in the safety and security of young people and staff at Bimberi Youth Justice Centre by upgrading CCTV throughout the centre.

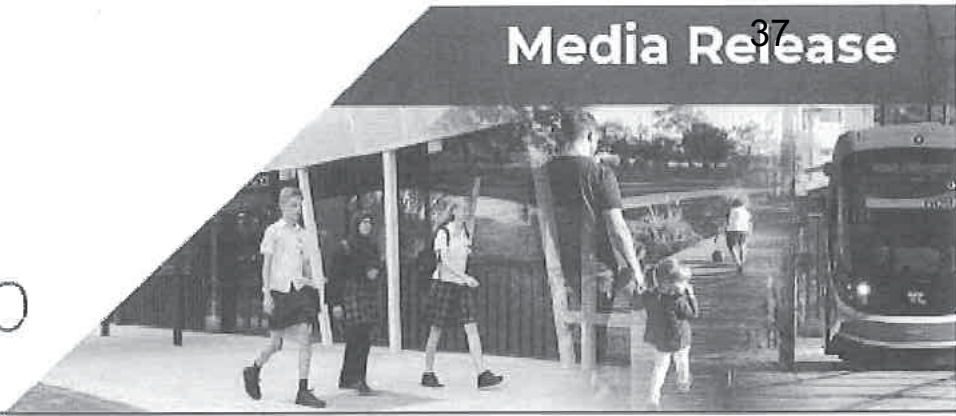
## Warrumbul court

The ACT Government is committed to reducing the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our justice system. As part of this commitment, we will invest further in the Warrumbul Court to support its handling of more cases involving children and young people. The Warrumbul Court provides culturally-appropriate





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sentencing options, helping to reconnect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Canberrans with their culture and avoid ongoing contact with the justice system.

Through the 2019-20 ACT Budget we are making big investments in early intervention and specialist services to help see Canberra become even more inclusive in the years to come.

**Statement ends**

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**Media release****Meegan Fitzharris MLA**

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 Minister for Medical and Health Research  
 Minister for Transport  
 Minister for Vocational Education and Skills

Member for Yerrabi

**Shane Rattenbury MLA**

Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability  
 Minister for Corrections and Justice Health  
 Minister for Justice, Consumer Affairs and Road Safety  
 Minister for Mental Health

Member for Kurrajong

13 June 2019

**Renowned clinical experts appointed to Clinical Leadership Forum**

Membership of the ACT's new Clinical Leadership Forum was announced today, bringing together a highly reputable team of clinical experts to help steer the continuous improvement of Canberra's health system.

The Clinical Leadership Forum will be responsible for providing independent and expert clinical advice to ACT Government ministers, with the aim of contributing to the continuous improvement of a high performing health system that keeps people well and delivers the best care in an industry-leading workplace.

"The Clinical Leadership Forum will provide expert advice direct to ministers, including on new health challenges and opportunities, ensuring our health system is sustainable and can attract the best and brightest staff, as well as have input into health planning and infrastructure." Said Minister for Health and Wellbeing Meegan Fitzharris

"It will also be informed and guided by the recommendations of the Culture Review and advise ministers where cultural improvements are required to improve clinical operations.

"I want to congratulate the seven members appointed to the Clinical Leadership Forum, which will be chaired by ANU Dean of Medicine, Professor Imogen Mitchell. I look forward to working with all members and receiving their advice on how we can continue to improve the health system," Minister Fitzharris said.

Minister for Mental Health Shane Rattenbury thanked everyone who had made an expression of interest for the Clinical Leadership Forum.

"I want to sincerely thank all the clinicians who expressed interest in joining the Clinical Leadership Forum.

“The Forum will provide an important opportunity to hear directly from experts in health and to develop strategies that address challenges that affect our workforce and improve our services, and I’m particularly pleased to see mental health expertise included in the Forum’s membership to bring that unique perspective,” said Minister Rattenbury.

The new Chair of the Clinical Leadership Forum, Professor Imogen Mitchell, said it is an enormous privilege to be appointed the Chair of the Clinical Leadership Forum and be part of a group of extraordinary clinicians.

“We will provide frank and fearless, independent and expert advice to the ministers on clinical matters to strengthen our healthcare system to deliver the best care and be a great place to work,” Professor Mitchell said.

The new Clinical Leadership Forum will meet quarterly.

For more information on the Clinical Leadership Forum at [ACT Health Directorate’s website](#).

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### Clinical Leadership Forum Members

- **Professor Imogen Mitchell (Chair)**  
20 years as Senior Staff Specialist in intensive care medicine at Canberra Health Services and the Dean of Medicine at the Australian National University (ANU).
- **Associate Professor Paul Craft**  
Clinical Director of the Division of Cancer and Ambulatory Support at Canberra Health Services, Senior Staff Specialist in medical oncology and Associate Professor in Medical Oncology at the ANU.
- **Associate Professor Boon Lim**  
Clinical Director and Senior Staff Specialist, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Canberra Health Services, and Clinical Associate Professor at the ANU with clinical research interests in obstetrics and maternal fetal medicine.
- **Dr Frank Pascioneri**  
Consultant General Surgeon and Clinical Director of Surgery, Division of Surgery and Oral Health at Canberra Health Services, Senior leadership in General Surgical Training in the ACT and Adjunct Senior Lecturer at the ANU Medical School.
- **Nikki Johnston OAM**  
Registered Nurse and Nurse Practitioner at Clare Holland House and Calvary Public Hospital, specialising in palliative care and a recipient of a Medal of the Order of Australia for her contribution to nursing.
- **Associate Professor Louise Stone**  
ACT General Practitioner for 25 years, member of the General Practitioner Mental Health Standards Collaboration and a senior medical adviser in general practitioner training.
- **Dr Ahmed Mashhood**  
Clinical Director, Forensic Mental Health Service at Canberra Health Services, leader in clinical mental health workplace planning to support training, education and retention of staff.

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Member for Yerrabi

17 June 2019

**Digital healthcare transformation gets citizen-centric**

**Healthcare in Canberra is set to be transformed with the ACT Government moving to mature its digital health footprint.**

As part of the 2019-20 ACT Budget \$106 million will be invested over eight years to introduce a new Digital Health Record across the public health system.

The major investment follows the release of the ACT's new [Digital Health Strategy](#) in May and the \$41 million delivered in last year's Budget (2018-19) to position the ACT to take advantage of new technologies and advances in health care into the future.

The funding also adds to the investments the ACT Government is making in state-of-the-art health infrastructure, such as the [SPIRE Centre](#).

Minister for Health and Wellbeing Meegan Fitzharris said effective healthcare is timely healthcare and a key part of delivering a territory-wide health system – from our hospitals to our Walk-in Centres and Community Health Centres – is through a fully integrated digital health environment.



“We want our healthcare system to provide the best possible care to patients. That means, ensuring we can adapt new digital technologies as they evolve to improve health services and clinical care,” Minister Fitzharris said.

“The new Digital Health Record will be centred on the person, rather than focused around clinical speciality or treatment location.

“It will give our doctors, nurses and other health professionals access to the most up to date patient information, enabling them to make more timely and accurate decisions at the point of care.

“People will also be able to access their own information through a portal or mobile app to enable them to manage their interactions with the public health system. In the future this may mean people may be able to talk to their healthcare team through virtual appointments, review or schedule appointments, access patient education and contribute information to their record.

“The Digital Health Record will ensure health information is at the fingertips of those that need it and is an investment the Government is making to future-proof our health care system.”

Chief Information Officer for the ACT Health Directorate Peter O’Halloran welcomed the funding.

“The Digital Health Record project will completely transform our health system. It is not only an exciting development but a critically important one, when it comes to maintaining a modern, sustainable health system,” Mr O’Halloran said.

“ICT systems – through innovations in medical technologies – have evolved so rapidly that over time more than 250 different systems have been established here in the ACT.

“These rapid and innovative changes mean we have not been able to take full advantage of new technologies as they become available because our digital environment can be quite complex to navigate.

“That’s why, this investment in one comprehensive Digital Health Record will be fundamental to our future health system.

“It will ensure one system of recording patient information across our hospitals and health services and support other recent digital systems that we have put in place and that have significantly improved clinical practices and processes.”

Canberra Health Services Chief Executive Officer Bernadette McDonald said the new Digital Health Record would make a big difference to patients and clinicians.

“The Digital Health Record from my experience is a huge change, allowing us to capture all the patient’s information in one place,” Ms McDonald said.

“It will provide us with real-time data that we can turn into clinical improvements and feed into research, which will improve patient care.”

The Digital Health Record project will be rolled out over an eight-year period to ensure a smooth transition of clinical information into one system for clinicians, staff, patients and carers.

A key factor in progressing this project will be meeting the community’s expectations about privacy of information and managing patient confidentiality, which is high priority for success. The ACT was one of the earliest adopters of the My Health Record and as digital systems become increasingly sophisticated, so too do the privacy functions which are increasingly building up the protections consumers expect in this digital age.

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**Key statistics and performance**

**Key points**

**General statistics**

Key statistics	2017–18 outcome	2018–19 estimated outcomes	Percentage growth	Notes on movement in activity
<b>ACT Health System staff numbers (ACT Health and CHS combined)</b>				
Overall FTE	6,661	6,956	4.46%	There has been a slight increase in the combined FTE of ACT Health and CHS.
Count of Nurses (Headcount)	3,159	3,352	6.11%	There is an estimated increase in the headcount of nurses within CHS and ACT Health in 2018/19. This follows on from commitments relating to nurse navigators and increased services being provided as a result of the extended implantation of the Winter Plan.
Count of Doctors (Headcount)	932	996	6.87%	The majority of this increase has occurred in temporary employment with an increase in staffing levels in some areas and an increasing number of junior medical staff availing themselves of part-time employment. This has accommodated parents returning from leave following the birth of their children.
Count of Other (Headcount) (i.e. allied health workers, trainees, admin etc)	3,516	3,593	2.19%	There has been a small increase in the headcount of allied health professionals, trainees and administrative staff across both ACT Health and CHS.

<b>Hospital and Health Services</b>				
Total public hospital separations (in the ACT)	114,688	114,837	0.1%	It is anticipated that there will be a very slight increase in total public hospital separations this year, when compared to 2017/18.
Emergency Department presentations (in the ACT – across both hospitals)	148,119	148,438	0.2%	Overall growth in Emergency Department presentations in the ACT has eased somewhat. The number of presentations to Canberra Hospital continues to be greater than to Calvary Public Hospital Bruce.
Emergency Department presentations at Canberra Hospital	88,660	90,155	1.7%	The rate of increase in presentations has eased when compared to the previous financial year.
Emergency Department presentations at Calvary Hospital	59,459	58,283	-2.0%	The rate of presentations to the Calvary Public Hospital Bruce Emergency Department is likely to remain fairly static with the 2017/18 rate.
Elective surgery removals for surgery	13,373	13,872	3.7%	The number of elective surgeries performed is expected to increase this financial year, in line with significant investment in Elective Surgery services.
Elective surgery long wait numbers	410	571	39.2%	The number of people waiting longer than clinically recommended for elective surgery is expected to increase in 2018/19 when compared to 2017/18.
Number of patients who have received care through Hospital in the Home	6,215	6,289	1.2%	It is estimated that Hospital in the Home activity will increase slightly when compared to 2017/18.
Patients accessing palliative care in-patient services	917	940	2.5%	Rates of patients accessing inpatient palliative care services remain fairly stable, with a small increase anticipated in 2018/19.
Walk-in Centres presentations	41,543	60,130	44.7%	The number of Walk-in Centre presentations is expected to increase significantly this year. This follows the opening of the Gungahlin Walk-in Centre in September 2018, and strong community awareness campaigns.
<b>Maternity and child health</b>				
Number of babies born (in the ACT)	5,192	5,159	-0.6%	A small decline in the public system birthing rate is anticipated for 2018/19. Note that this is subject to clinical coding.

Demand for maternity at Centenary (birthing occasions)	3,616	3,558	-1.6%	There is an anticipated small decrease in demand for services at the Centenary Hospital when compared to 2017/18, with these patients attending Calvary Public Hospital instead.
Demand for maternity at Calvary (birthing occasions)	1,576	1,601	1.6%	It is anticipated that the number of birthing occasions at Calvary Public Hospital is likely to increase slightly in 2018/19 (see comment above).
Paediatric separations <= 16 years	13,112	11,951	-8.9%	It is anticipated that there will be a slight decrease in the number of paediatric separations in 2018/19 when compared with 2017/18.
<b>Mental Health</b>				
Number of clients accessing acute and community-based services	10,897	10,979	0.75%	It is estimated that the population accessing mental health services in will increase slightly when compared to 2017/18.
Community Mental Health occasions of service	314,523	323,191	2.76%	It is estimated that the number of community mental health service contact will increase given the growth of the population accessing mental health services in ACT in 2018/19.

Notes: