

Northern Territory – Annual Progress Report against Subacute Care Implementation Plan

July 2009 – June 2010

Summary of Progress

All initiatives under Schedule C of the National Partnership Agreement on Hospital and Health Workforce Reform are fully implemented and the GEM service is functioning well with some minimal restrictions though this will move into a full GEM service in January 2011 when a Gerontologist commences.

Key deliverables	Progress and timing	Allocation of NPA funding	Comments
<p>Establishment of a psycho-geriatric service in the Northern Territory</p> <p>Recruitment completed by December 2009.</p> <p>Service admission criteria, policies and procedures developed by December 2009.</p> <p>Psycho-geriatric service commences January 2010</p>	<p>Completed March 2010.</p> <p>Completed January 2010</p> <p>Commenced January 2010</p>	<p>\$1.374M total</p>	<p>Service is operational in Alice Springs and Darwin since January 2010, including rural and remote consultations. Three visits to Alice Springs and Darwin by the visiting Psycho-Geriatrician have occurred with one more scheduled before year end.</p>
<p>Enhanced program for outpatient rehabilitation either in the home or as an outpatient for Alice Springs Hospital</p> <p>Recruitment completed August 2009</p> <p>Purchase of equipment August 2009</p> <p>Referral to HITH Service, polices and procedures, revised August 2009</p> <p>Service commenced September 2009</p>	<p>Complete. June 2010</p> <p>Complete. June 2010</p> <p>Completed December 2009</p> <p>Commenced January 2010.</p>	<p>\$855,000 total</p>	<p>Recruitment has been successful with a Physiotherapist and an Occupational Therapist currently delivering the outpatient and HITH rehabilitation services.</p> <p>Recruitment for an Aboriginal Health Worker was unsuccessful and this has now been converted to a therapy assistant who has been recruited and who assists with the co-ordination of the programs and in their delivery.</p>

<p>Establishing a Step-down Unit at the Royal Darwin Hospital.</p> <p>Complete scope of works August 2009.</p> <p>Request for tender September 2009.</p> <p>Building works commenced Dec 2009.</p> <p>Step Down unit opened July 2010</p>	<p>Complete. December 2009.</p> <p>Complete. January 2010</p> <p>Complete. March 2010</p> <p>Achieved. Opened July 2010</p>	<p>\$1.221M Total</p>	<p>Renovations were completed and the step-down unit becomes operational on 5th July 2010.</p>
<p>Establish a Geriatric Evaluation and Management Service at Royal Darwin Hospital</p> <p>Recruitment December 2009.</p> <p>Service admission criteria, policies and procedures developed December 2009.</p> <p>GEM Services commenced January 2010.</p>	<p>Incomplete – Service operating under supervision of rehabilitation team</p> <p>Completed.</p> <p>Commenced with restrictions.</p>	<p>\$331,000 Total</p>	<p>A geriatric registrar could not be employed without supervision of a geriatric specialist. As an interim measure, a junior medical officer is assisting with geriatric patients under the supervision of the subacute-rehab service.</p> <p>The GEM service has commenced with restrictions but will be fully operational when the full-time gerontologist commences work at RDH.</p>

Subacute care annual service activity and growth report

State/Territory: Northern Territory

Period: July 2009-June 2010

Table 1: Activity by care type

* To calculate growth percentages (Table 2), use EITHER Patient days (volumes) OR Separations (patients)

Rehabilitation	Palliative	GEM ¹	Psycho - geriatric	Totals
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Patient days (volumes)

Admitted

Hospital based	5378	3355	623	13	9369
Hospital in the Home		18			18
Combined Hospital based & HITH					
Other (please specify)					
<i>Total admitted patient days</i>	5378	3373	623	13	9387

or Separations (patients)

Hospital based					
Hospital-in-the-home					
Combined Hospital based & HITH					
Other (please specify)					
<i>Total admitted separations</i>					
Average length of stay					
<i>Total Bed Day Equivalentents</i>					(b)

Occasions of service (volumes)

Non-admitted

Centre based	2611	467			3078
Home based					
Combined Centre & Home based		6360		421	6781
Other (please specify)					
<i>Total occasions of service</i>	2611	6827	0	421	9859
<i>Weighted Bed Day Equivalentents</i>					2465

Episodes² (patients)

Centre based					
Home based					
Combined Centre & Home based					
Other (please specify)					
<i>Total episodes</i>					
Total group sessions					79

¹ Geriatric Evaluation and Management

² Episode data is for information only, and not a factor for calculating growth in service delivery.

Table 2: Growth percentages (2009-10)

WBDE Ratios

Growth percentages (2009-10)	Patient days	Separations (BDEs)	Occasions of service (WBDEs)	Total BDEs	WBDE Ratios	
						Ratio
Baseline	7939		1951	9890	Rehabilitation	1:4
Targeted % increase	12%		0.5%	8.7%	Paliative care	1:4
Services in 2009-10	9387	(b)	2465	11852	GEM	1:4
Increase in 2009-10	1448		514	1962	Psychogeriatric	1:4
% increase	18%		26%	20%		