

Northern Territory – Annual Progress Report against Subacute Care Implementation Plan

July 2010 – June 2011

Summary of Progress

All initiatives under Schedule C of the National Partnership Agreement on Hospital and Health Workforce Reform are fully implemented.

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 has been operational in Alice Springs and Darwin since January 2010, including rural and remote consultations. Four visits to Alice Springs and Darwin by the visiting Psycho-Geriatrician were scheduled and occurred before the end of 2010.</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 was 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 was converted to a therapy assistant who was recruited and who assists with the co-ordination of programs 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>Operational from 5th July 2010.</p> <p>Activity has been high ever since it opened and the model is successful for service delivery within RDH.</p>
<p>Establish a Geriatric Evaluation and Management Service at Royal Darwin Hospital</p> <p>Recruitment December 2009.</p> <p>Service admission criteria, polices and procedures developed December 2009.</p> <p>GEM Services commenced January 2010.</p>	<p>Completed January 2011.</p> <p>Completed.</p> <p>Commenced in January 2011.</p>	<p>\$331,000 Total</p>	<p>Funding allocated to 0.5 FTE Medical Registrar has been utilised for a resident medical officer 1.0 FTE to support the GEM Service.</p> <p>Some Allied Health and Administrative assistance supports the GEM service.</p>

Subacute care annual service activity and growth report

State/Territory: Northern Territory

Period: July 2010-June 2011

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

Patient days (volumes)

Table 1: Activity by care type					
	Rehabilitation	Palliative	GEM ¹	Psycho-geriatric	Totals
<i>Admitted</i>					
Hospital based	8968	3509	1123	18	13618
Hospital in the Home					
Combined Hospital based & HITH					
Other (please specify)					
<i>Total admitted patient days</i>	8968	3509	1123	18	13618

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 Equivalents</i>					(b)

Occasions of service (volumes)

<i>Non-admitted</i>					
Centre based	1926	219			2145
Home based					
Combined Centre & Home based		5564		2098	5564
Other (please specify)					
<i>Total occasions of service</i>	1926	5783		2098	9807
<i>Weighted Bed Day Equivalents</i>					2452

Episodes² (patients)

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

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 (2010-11)					WBDE Ratios	
Growth percentages (2009-10)	Patient days	Separations (BDEs)	Occasions of service (WBDEs)	Total BDEs	Rehabilitation Palliative care GEM Psychogeriatric	Ratio
	Baseline	7939		1951		9890
Targeted % increase over 2 years	25.7%		2.8%	19.0%	1:4	
Services in 2010-11	13618	(b)	2452	16070	1:4	
Increase in 2010-11 from baseline	5679		501	6180	1:4	
% increase over baseline	71.5%		26%	62%		