**Northern Territory – Report against Subacute Care Implementation Plan**

**July 2012–June 2013**

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| **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** |
| **Establishment of a psycho-geriatric service in the Northern Territory**  Recruitment completed by December 2009.  Service admission criteria, policies and procedures developed by December 2009.  Psycho-geriatric service commenced January 2010 | Completed March 2010.  Completed January 2010  Commenced January 2010 | **$1.374M total** | Service has been operational in Alice Springs and Darwin since January 2010, including rural and remote consultations.  Uptake of the service has exceeded expectations, including visits to remote communities.  Service continues in this quarter with a high level of demand. To enable sustainability of ongoing service it is evident that a second position in both regions is required to cover leave provisions and continuation of service and also assist in management of these very complex clients. |
| **Enhanced program for outpatient rehabilitation either in the home or as an outpatient for Alice Springs Hospital**  Recruitment completed August 2009  Purchase of equipment August 2009  Referral to HITH Service, polices and procedures, revised August 2009  Service commenced September 2009 | Completed. June 2010  Completed. June 2010  Completed : December 2009  Commenced: January 2010. | **$855,000 total** | Recruitment was successful with a Physiotherapist and an Occupational Therapist currently delivering the outpatient and HITH rehabilitation services.  Recruitment for an Aboriginal Health Worker was unsuccessful and this was converted to a therapy assistant who has been recruited and who assists with the co-ordination of the programs and in their delivery. |
| **Establishing a Step-down Unit at the Royal Darwin Hospital**.  Complete scope of works August 2009.  Request for tender September 2009.  Building works commenced Dec 2009.  Step Down unit opened July 2010 | Completed. December 2009.  Completed. January 2010  Completed. March 2010  Achieved. Opened July 2010 | **$1.221M Total** | Renovations were completed and the step-down unit became operational on 5th July 2010.    Activity has been high ever since it opened and the model is successful for service delivery within RDH. |
| **Establish a Geriatric Evaluation and Management Service at Royal Darwin Hospital**  Recruitment December 2009.  Service admission criteria, polices and procedures developed December 2009.  GEM Services commenced January 2010. | Recruitment completed January 2011.  Completed: December 2009  Commenced in January 2011. | **$331,000 Total** | Funding allocated to 0.5 FTE Medical Registrar has been utilised for a resident medical officer 1.0 FTE to support the GEM Service.  Some Allied Health and Administrative assistance also commenced to support the GEM service. |