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Update on the Metro North Spinal Cord Injury Business Case and Draft Statewide SCI model

The Department of Health, via the System Planning Branch (SPB) are undertaking a project to develop a future Statewide Spinal service delivery model for Queensland.

Within the context of the SPB project, Metro North were asked to develop a business case to commission 20 SCI rehabilitation beds at STARS and associated support services within Metro North.

The business case was informed by key stakeholders from STARS, RBWH, COH, Strategy and Planning and HEI. The business case was recently submitted to the Department of Health.

While we await decisions around the business case, STARS are progressing some local clinical planning/improvements and building capability within current resourcing. There is also one project officer at 2 days / week, working on implementation planning.

In addition, the Draft Statewide SCI model of service delivery was released for feedback. The Metro North project team and other stakeholders provided feedback which aligned with the stakeholder engagement previously undertaken. Errors in the draft on the different service provisions which will occur at STARS and RBWH have also been addressed.

The potential outpatient services that weren't included in our Metro North service model of the business case, need further review and discussion with System Planning Branch and QSCIS to determine future service provision. This will occur within the implementation phase of the SPB led project.

The System Planning Branch reached out to Metro North to recognise and thank everyone who has been involved in co-designing the draft statewide service delivery model, an approach that enables equitable access to consistently high-quality, person and family-centred spinal cord injury care.

If you have any further enquiries about the Metro North Spinal Cord Injury Business Case or draft Statewide SCI model, please contact the project team at leah.vegh@health.qld.gov.au

Warm regards,

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