

## ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

### ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

#### Mental Health Commission

#### Hon Stephen Dawson MLC asked:

1. At Ward 4H Princess Margaret Hospital for Children (PMH) there were 4 clinical incidents of a sexual nature in the financial year 2015/16:

3 of these incidents involved allegations of unwanted physical contact between patients;  
and

1 of these incidents involved a patient allegedly using a mobile phone to send inappropriate photos.

I ask:

- a) What were the circumstances of these 4 reports?
- b) What were the ages and genders of the patients involved?
- c) Was the patient sending inappropriate photos of themselves or another patient?
- d) What did the investigations into these incidents find, and were any of the incidents reported to the Child Protection Team at PMH?

#### Answer:

- a) The Child and Adolescent Health Service (CAHS) has a legal requirement to maintain and protect patient confidentiality, which restricts the release of information about specific incidents. For this reason further details cannot be provided.
- b) CAHS has a legal requirement to maintain and protect patient confidentiality, which restricts the release of information about specific incidents. For this reason further details cannot be provided.
- c) CAHS has a legal requirement to maintain and protect patient confidentiality, which restricts the release of information about specific incidents. For this reason further details cannot be provided.
- d) CAHS has a legal requirement to maintain and protect patient confidentiality, which restricts the release of information about investigations into specific incidents. All of the four incidents were reported and recorded on our Datix Clinical Incident Management System. All of the incidents were investigated and responded to as appropriate. One of these incidents was reported to the WA Police and the Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network (ACORN) and a case conference was held involving the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) and the Department for Child Protection and Family Support (CPFS). Legal advice was also sought in relation to this incident.

#### Hon Stephen Dawson MLC asked:

In relation to this answer

2. At the Bentley Adolescent Unit there was 1 clinical incident of a sexual nature financial year 2015/16:

This incident involved an allegation of a patient making sexual contact with members of staff.

I ask:

- a) What were the circumstances of this report?
  - b) What was the age and gender of the patient involved?
  - c) What did the investigations into this incident find, and was the incident reported to the Child Protection Team at PMH?
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- a. The Child and Adolescent Health Service (CAHS) has a duty to maintain and protect patient confidentiality, which restricts the release of information about specific incidents. For this reason further details cannot be provided.
  - b. CAHS has a duty to maintain and protect patient confidentiality, which restricts the release of information about specific incidents. For this reason further details cannot be provided.
  - c. CAHS has a duty to maintain and protect patient confidentiality, which restricts the release of information about investigations into specific incidents. In relation to reporting to the Child Protection Team, this was not applicable as the incident involved an acutely unwell patient attempting to inappropriately touch a member of staff.

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**MINISTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH**