



Broome Mental Health Unit Newsletter

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Progress Report

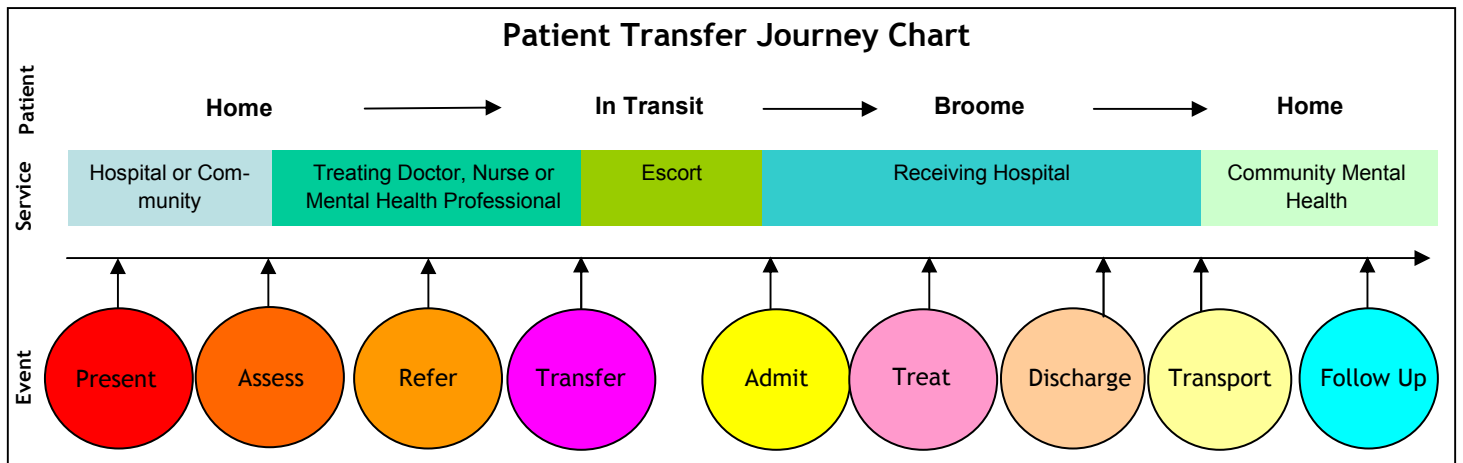
Planning Progress

Since the last update newsletter our Transfer Project, Transition Plan, Cultural Respect Action Plan, policies and procedures development and Staff Recruitment Project are all well underway. The Transfer Project involves identifying how people will get to the Broome Mental Health Unit and how they will return home. We visited with Pilbara Mental Health & Drug Service in April to plan transfers from the Pilbara region to the Broome Mental Health Unit (see chart below).

Latest News

Cultural Respect Action Plan

We asked indigenous patients, carers, families, health staff and community groups what they would like to see happen at the Broome Mental Health Unit. We have put these ideas into a plan about how to look after indigenous people with a mental illness while they are in hospital. Some of the ideas were; having indigenous staff to help people when they arrive, facilitating access to traditional healers and celebrating NAIDOC week on the unit with a barbeque of traditional foods.



Building Update

The Federal Government recently confirmed that it will fund the refurbishment of the paediatrics unit at Broome Hospital. This is great news for the Broome community. The location of the paediatrics unit in the centre of the hospital site means that it will need to be built at the same time as the mental health unit, with construction of both facilities to start in mid-2010 for completion in 2011.

Once the unit is built, the colour scheme will be an ocean and desert theme designed to make the unit warm and welcoming for patients, staff and visitors. Each room will have its own accent colour (see picture).

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