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# Centre for Excellence for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Expert Advisory Panel

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An expert advisory panel has been set up to support the establishment of a Centre for Excellence for the treatment of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and other Ward 17 services of the Repatriation General Hospital for the Veterans community of South Australia. Key considerations include:

- current and future Veterans' mental health needs
- the model of care for PTSD services for the Veteran community of South Australia
- potential location for the Centre for Excellence
- links to broader services for the Veteran community

The panel will make recommendations to the Minister for Health about:

- the proposed model of care for the Centre for Excellence
- potential location of service for the Centre for Excellence

Bulletins will be issued after each meeting of the expert panel to provide regular progress reports.

## Expert panel meeting update

The expert panel co-chaired by Associate Professor Susan Neuhaus C.S.C. and Professor Dorothy Keefe P.S.M. has met twice since it was established in March 2015.

The inaugural meeting, a meet and greet, was held on Tuesday 24 March, 2015 and brought together a number of people including clinical experts, experienced Veteran representatives, emergency services and senior Department for Health and Ageing staff.

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Agreed action items from the initial meeting:

- Members to establish effective communication channels to interested stakeholders regarding the work of the expert panel.
- A post meeting Bulletin to be released, detailing the work in progress.
- A schedule of meeting dates to be established.
- A workshop to be scheduled for members.

Following this, a half day workshop was held on Tuesday 14 April, 2015. The purpose of the workshop was to start examining existing Ward 17 activities and PTSD services, within the context of the broader system. This process included the identification of services currently provided, with consideration of future Veterans' mental health care needs, using analysis of supporting data.

The next stage of the process will include a follow-up workshop, scheduled for Tuesday 12 May, 2015. This will focus on additional data and international best practice. The outcomes of both workshops will assist in informing the key elements of a proposed model of care for Ward 17 and the Centre for Excellence for PTSD treatment for the Veterans community of South Australia.

The potential location for the Centre for Excellence will be considered once all the elements of the model of care have been determined.

These elements include:

# INTERDEPENDENCIES

Dietetics  
 Pain-unit  
 Physio-and-rehabilitation  
 Co-morbidities  
 Sleep-unit

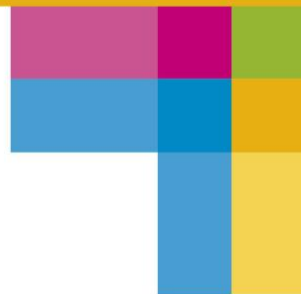
Health-promotion  
 Gazetted-Hospital  
 Research  
 Code-Blue/Black-Responses  
 Multidisciplinary-team  
 ECT  
 Inpatient-Outpatient  
 Teaching  
**CLINICAL**

Carer-support  
 Fitness-facilities  
 Car-parking  
 Flexibility  
 Accommodation  
 VVF  
 Chaplaincy  
 Safety-and-trust  
 ESO-support  
 Culture  
 Cafe  
 Garden  
 Support  
 Ease-of-access  
**NON-CLINICAL**

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