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FIRST LOOK AT DESIGN OF NEW CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY AT NEPEAN HOSPITAL

Young people requiring treatment for mental health issues will soon have access to a dedicated Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service Facility (CAMHS) at Nepean Hospital, with a new fly-through animation of the facility unveiled today.

Member for Penrith Stuart Ayres today announced the construction contract has been awarded to Donnelley Constructions to deliver the new purpose-built 10-bed treatment facility.

Mr Ayres said the new CAMHS facility at Nepean Hospital will provide essential mental health care to young people living in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains - catering to the unique needs of those aged between 12 - 17 years old.

“Co-designed by young people and their families, the facility will provide a comfortable and safe place to receive the very best therapy and support, and help them to manage their mental health at home,” Mr Ayres said.

Minister for Mental Health Bronnie Taylor said a dedicated CAMHS facility will help staff better respond to the individual needs of young people.

“The holistic and patient-centred design of the CAMHS facility, located next to the Nepean Mental Health Unit, will provide a secure and healing place for young people and allow staff to respond to patient needs efficiently and effectively,” Mrs Taylor said.

Following an extensive design and engagement process, the CAMHS facility will feature 10 single bedrooms with ensuites, a secure indoor communal area and private outdoor courtyard, consultation rooms, nurses' station, and workspaces. Area for future expansion has also been identified if required.

Construction, which will start with demolition works, is scheduled to get underway in 2023.

The new Nepean CAMHS facility is being delivered as part of the \$700 million state-wide Mental Health Infrastructure Program, which is making real change across the state to a range of mental health services.

New inpatient units have been delivered or are underway in Albury, Blacktown, Broken Hill, Campbelltown, Royal Prince Alfred, Tamworth and Westmead.

It's another major investment in mental health for Western Sydney communities, with planning and design also underway for a new Integrated Mental Health Unit at the Westmead Health Precinct.

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