LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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WRITTEN QUESTION

J Davis to the Minister for Mental Health, Hon Steven Edgington MLA:

Tennant Creek Mental Health Service

1. Regional priority 2.2.1 commits NT PHN and NT Health to establish an alcohol and other drug in-reach and telehealth service for Tennant Creek mental health services by year two of the Plan (2025–26).

a. Has this service been established?

Specialist alcohol and other drug (AOD) support is available to Tennant Creek, through the Barkly AOD Service, supported by telehealth consultations and specialist medical advice from the Alice Springs Alcohol and Other Drugs Services Central Australia (ADSCA) Clinic.

Additional support is provided through case conferencing, and consultation for local clinicians.

NT Health and NT PHN continue to work with regional stakeholders to strengthen service delivery arrangements and referral pathways in the Barkly region.

b. What is the current service model for dual diagnosis support in the Barkly region?

Barkly AOD and Mental Health Services operate within the Barkly Primary and Public Health Services structure.

c. How many clients has the service supported since commencement?

Dual diagnosis is not recorded separately as clients often have multiple presenting concerns.

d. If client contacts are not recorded separately for this service, in which system are they recorded, and in what format?

Client referrals, contacts, and clinical information are recorded through NT Health clinical information systems as part of routine service delivery.