

Performance



- relocation of community health services to Emerald's hospital campus;
- refurbishment and extension to the former Keperra Hospital (North West Community Health Centre);
- a new purpose-built community health centre at Nundah;
- refurbishment of existing heritage listed ward buildings on the Rosemount site to accommodate public health services;
- replacement of the air-conditioning plant at the St Paul's Terrace Community Health Centre;
- consolidation of dispersed community health and community based mental health services in the Townsville and Thuringowa regions, through upgraded facilities at North Ward and Kirwan;
- relocation of the Nambour Breastscreen facility to Nambour Hospital campus;
- replacement of facilities to integrate acute, aged care and community based services at the Springsure Multi-purpose Health Services facility; and
- installation of a lift for people with disabilities at the Brisbane Dental Hospital and refurbishing and expansion of the Sandgate Dental Clinic to reduce waiting times and improve workplace health and safety.

therapists, social workers and social work associates, recreation officers, speech pathologists and administrative staff who work directly with clients in the community, in public and psychiatric hospitals.

Providing care to our clients

The range of services offered to clients includes referral, intake, assessment, and continuing treatment and rehabilitation using case management to achieve continuity of care.

On an average day throughout Queensland:

- more than 4,000 staff are available to provide acute and extended treatment in an in-patient setting. There are also a range of services in community settings, including intake, assessment and case management;
- more than 1,400 beds are available for acute and extended treatment and care of people with a mental illness; and
- over 70 non-government community organisations funded by Queensland Health provide a range of mental health programs across Queensland, with direct financial grants and other assistance from Queensland Health.

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Integrated Mental Health Services

This covers integrated community and acute mental health in-patient services, extended in-patient mental health services, and mental health promotion and illness prevention activities, including suicide prevention. The entire population is targeted in promoting public health and providing acute services for those with mental illness.

Our people

Mental health workers include:

Psychiatrists, registrar/medical officers, registered and enrolled nurses, psychologists, occupational

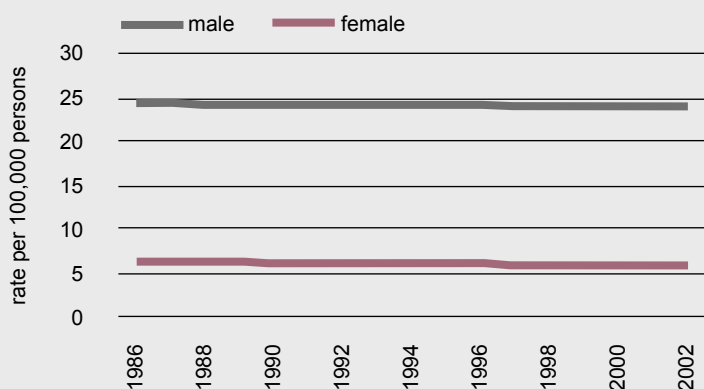
Key achievements

Community and in-patient services

- Forty new community mental health positions were created to manage increasing demands on

Suicide

Suicide death rates all ages by sex, Queensland, 1985 to 2002



Source: ABS and Health Information Branch, Queensland Health



mental health services in Queensland.

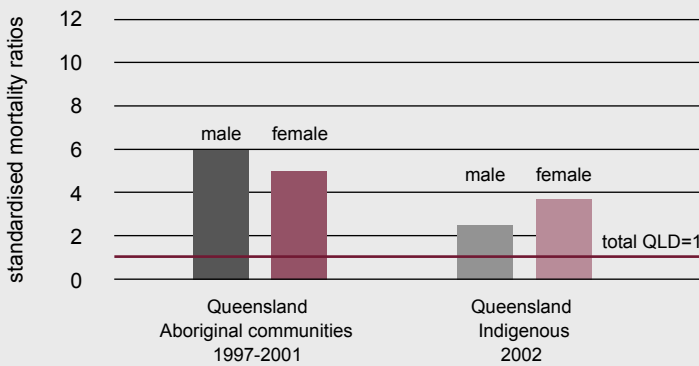
- A new Mental Health Unit at the Princess Alexandra Hospital and new high dependency units at the Nambour and Prince Charles Hospitals were commissioned.
- A 21-bed medium secure unit for the Northern Zone (Townsville) was commissioned.
- An Indigenous Health Worker role was established within the Mental Health Alcohol,

Tobacco and Other Drugs Service of the Royal Children's Hospital Health Service District. The proportion of Indigenous patients increased from 36 per cent to 41 per cent with the assistance and encouragement of the Indigenous health worker.

- A two-year project was commenced by the Child and Youth Mental Health Service (CYMHS) of the Royal Children's Hospital Health Service District to assess the benefits of using tele-consultation in the area of child and youth mental health. The e-CYMHS project will operate during 2004-2006 and evaluation will inform decisions on future service delivery.
- Two Indigenous principal project officer positions were established, one in the Mental Health Unit and the other in the Northern Zone Management Unit, to drive implementation of the strategies in the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health Policy Statement 1996*.
- A range of strategies were implemented under the mental health component of the *Queensland Directions for Aged Care 2004-2011*. These included a project targeting social isolation, the Central Zone Psychogeriatric Project, infrastructure enhancement of collocated facilities, and the culturally and linguistically diverse older persons' mental health training module.
- A review of the Mental Health Community Organisations' Funding Program was completed, new tenders advertised in line with the review findings and successful applicants announced.
- A sum of \$1 million in capital funding was allocated through the Mental Health Program to purchase and refurbish a building in Hervey Bay to accommodate an expanded community mental health service. The facility, opened by the Minister for Health in September, 2003, is a major improvement to the infrastructure for mental health services in the community.
- Rockhampton District Mental Health Service collaborated with the Departments of Disability Services Queensland, Communities, Local Government and Planning and Housing to establish supported mid-term or long-term accommodation options for mental health services consumers. An estimated 10 per cent of mental health consumers live in unsuitable situations.
- A range of services were expanded in the area of early intervention, including:

Suicide—Indigenous Queenslanders

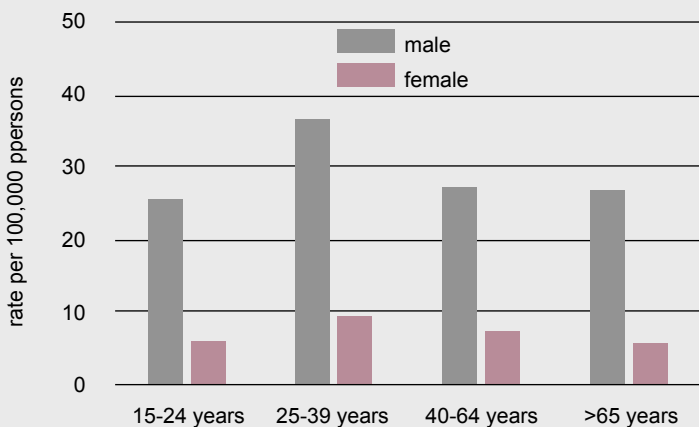
Standardised mortality ratios for suicide, by Indigenous status and sex, Queensland, 1997 to 2002



Source: ABS and Health Information Branch, Queensland Health

Suicide

Suicide death rates by age group and sex, Queensland, 2000 to 2002



Source: ABS and Health Information Branch, Queensland Health

Performance

- appointment of 24 early intervention suicide prevention officers across the State under the *Queensland Government Suicide Prevention Strategy (2003-2008)*;
- appointment of nine positions to develop, implement, and evaluate whole-of-district models of early intervention;
- nine dual diagnosis (drug and alcohol and mental health) early intervention positions in five district health services; and
- establishment of a dual diagnosis integrated care demonstration project focused on people with both mental health and substance abuse problems.

Legislation

- Ongoing implementation and monitoring of compliance with the *Mental Health Act 2000* was undertaken to provide for the involuntary assessment, treatment and protection of persons with mental illness, while safeguarding their rights.
- Agreements were developed with NSW, Victoria and the ACT for the apprehension and return of patients subject to forensic provisions, and the transfer, cross-border admission and treatment of involuntary patients with a view to improving nationwide continuity of care.

For information on mental health strategic policy see Section 4, page 41

Improved mental health facilities

Capital projects completed in 2003-04 included construction of a new 64-bed Princess Alexandra Hospital Acute Mental Health Unit and redevelopment of the Nambour Hospital Acute Mental Health High Dependency Unit

Public Health Services

Public Health Services provide integrated responses and initiatives to protect health, prevent disease, illness and injury and to promote health and well-being for all of Queensland. That includes services such as immunisation, breast and cervical cancer screening, health education and school-based oral health.

Our people

Public health services are provided by Queensland Health and non-government and community organisations funded by Queensland Health. Staff include:

Output:	Measure	2003-04 Target	2003-04 Estimated Actuals (2004-05 MPS)	2003-04 Performance - for Annual Report	
Integrated Mental Health Services	Quantity	Mental health acute inpatient episodes of care	22,500 - 24,500	23,828	24,173
		Mental health acute inpatient occupied bed days	220,000 - 240,000	254,897	251,843
		Mental health acute inpatient average length of stay	9.0 - 9.5	10.7	10.4
		Mental health patients treated in the community	69,500 - 72,500	73,231	73,005
		Number of Youth Suicide Prevention Networks established in Queensland	105	105	105
	Quality	Services accredited under the National Health Standards for Mental Health Services	30	27	27