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The Child Development Service relocates to Caloundra

As part of the $17 million redevelopment of the Caloundra Health Service (CHS), the Child Development Service (CDS) will relocate from Wises Road, Maroochydore to Caloundra from Monday 20 August 2018.

The CDS is a free service which provides a coordinated model of care to families with children between 0 and 12 years of age with complex developmental conditions. The CDS is a multidisciplinary team including paediatricians, psychologists, speech pathologists, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, social workers, allied health assistants and dietitians.

Developmental paediatrician, Dr Heidi Webster says the opportunity to collocate with other Women’s and Family services, such as Child Youth and Family Health Services and Sunshine Kids, is exciting for the team.

“We often refer clients to other services. Some of these will now be located at the same building, making it a more seamless and convenient process for our families”, Dr Webster said.

“The move will provide the CDS access to a purpose-built family space with two multi-purpose rooms, two interview rooms and three consultation rooms.

“Being able to welcome our littlest clients into a brightly coloured waiting area and provide access to an outdoor observation/play area will make visiting the CDS a more relaxing experience for them.

“This benefits our clients, but also makes it much easier for our team when the children feel comfortable,” Dr Webster said.

The outdoor play equipment was previously used in the paediatric ward at Nambour General Hospital. Its relocation to CHS has been made possible by Wishlist.

Patients will continue to visit the existing CDS at Maroochydore until close of business on Tuesday, 14 August. Services will commence at the Caloundra Health Service (Building N, accessed via the main reception area of the Caloundra Hospital) from Monday, 20 August. The phone number for CDS will remain unchanged. For any queries please phone 5436 8910.

A written referral is required to access this service.

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