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Minister visits community-based Campbelltown mental health services

The Minister for Mental Health and Assistant Health Minister, Jai Rowell, today toured two community-based mental health facilities in Campbelltown and met with staff.

Minister Rowell was joined on the tours by Member for Campbelltown, Bryan Doyle.

Minister Rowell said it was great to meet some of the dedicated staff at Cordeaux Street that provide Infant, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services to the local community.

“I was really impressed by the work of the teams who provide perinatal or child and adolescent mental assessment and treatment services,” Minister Rowell said.

“It was great to learn about the services they provide and how they link in with families, schools, General Practitioners and the inpatient mental health services provided at nearby Gna Ka Lun at Campbelltown Hospital.

“The teams have developed important close partnerships with Traxside youth health service and the Community Mental Health Emergency Team and NGOs such as Headspace.

“They do excellent work to help ensure young people with mental health issues and their families are well supported,” Minister Rowell said.

Member for Campbelltown, Bryan Doyle, MP, a strong supporter of youth services, said “Their commitment to early intervention and providing ongoing care to support families and keep kids in the education system and avoid isolation is to be commended.”

Minister Rowell also visited and toured nearby Browne Street Community Mental Health Centre.

“The Brown Street Centre’s clinical and support teams make up a really important mental health service who provide community-based care and treatment to adult mental health clients in the Campbelltown area.

“The staff have developed partnerships with other government and non-government agencies including housing, Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation and the Schizophrenia Fellowship of NSW.

“It was rewarding to learn more about these important community-based services and meet the dedicated staff at both Centres,” Bryan Doyle said.