

A) MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

- 1. Development of Transition Service Delivery Models**
 - Summary of service gaps and ideal models of care submitted to NSW Health February 2007
 - Illawarra spina bifida model trialled and reviewed in 2006 as ideal model of care for regional centres – funding will need to be found by AHSs.
 - Working groups established for top 3 conditions to determine ideal transition models (diabetes, spina bifida, developmental disability).
- 2. Identification of future workforce needs and planning around system capacity**
 - Preliminary data completed on workforce gaps.
 - Project officer appointed for 12 months (July 2007-2008) to develop strategies to meet workforce gaps and training / education needs in collaboration with the CEC, IMET and NSW Health.
- 3. Development, implementation and evaluation of information management systems**
 - ACCESS database developed to track young people across services - over 300 on database
 - Review being undertaken to assess clinician and consumer satisfaction with referral system.
- 4. Education and research**
 - Transition forum held March 2007
 - 3 papers published 2006 -2007; 30 presentations given
 - GMCT Transition Program involved in transition research project currently being undertaken at Prince of Wales/ Sydney Children's Hospital.

B) MAJOR CHALLENGES

- 1. Identifying and engaging adult clinicians to manage young people with chronic health issues and disabilities**, particularly those with developmental, behavioural and mental health co-morbidities.
- 2. Engaging Chief Executives of Area Health Services** to include Transition outcomes in Strategic Service Plans and facilitate implementation of transition policies across adult health services.
- 3. Improving services for young people in adult hospitals** as there is a general lack of awareness about the needs of young people in adult health services.

C) MAJOR PRIORITIES for 2007/08

- 1. Service provision – Models of Care** Strategies continue to be developed to address recommendations from the Transition Service Delivery Model Paper ratified by Dr Richard Matthews in September 2006.
- 2. Engagement of adult clinicians.** A Transition forum is planned for early 2008. This forum will showcase best practice transition models, highlight positive patient journeys and identify areas for improvement. A resource package to facilitate implementation of transition processes in adult health services will be launched. The forum will target adult clinicians, CEs, Workforce and Population Health Planners and Directors of Clinical Governance.
- 3. Mental Health** A mental health transition project will commence in the Illawarra in July 2007. This project will develop an evidence based transition model and transition resources for young people with mental health problems in the Illawarra region of SESIAHS.