

George Town - Physiotherapy Services Proposed Reduction

Ms FINLAY question to MINISTER for HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH and WELLBEING

The president, committee and members of the George Town Auxiliary have expressed their serious concern to me regarding the proposed reduction in physiotherapy services at the George Town Hospital. Currently, the hospital is allocated physiotherapy services 2 days per week to support both inpatients and outpatients. This level of service is already comparable or below other regional hospitals and the reduction to one day a week will have a detrimental impact on the community.

The committee strongly believes that maintaining the current physiotherapy service level is crucial for several reasons. It will have a significant impact in the community, it will be detrimental to the impact of the hospital's throughput and it will lead to increased readmissions. The Nursing Director of Primary Health North has advised that the current funding to maintain the current level of physiotherapy services at George Town is no longer possible. The current physiotherapist has become a highly valued member of the community. In light of this, what will you do to ensure that there is enough funding at the George Town Hospital to –

The SPEAKER - The time for the question has expired.