



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–2024

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Fiona Carrick MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Mental Health

Reference: ACT Health Directorate

Hearing: 11 February 2025

In relation to: Safe Haven Woden

Question received: 18 February 2025

Answer Due: 25 February 2025

I understand the community mental health Safe Haven at the Canberra Hospital is being reconsidered. Has there been any consideration of locating the community mental health Safe Haven in the Woden town Centre rather than at the Canberra Hospital?

MINISTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Given the current constrained funding environment, the timeline for establishing a Safe Haven at The Canberra Hospital is currently under review.

While this is under review, options for community based Safe Havens can be considered. The Belconnen Safe Haven only has funding until the end of June 2026, and the current priority is ensuring that the Belconnen Safe Haven can continue and the potential for exploring expanded hours of operation.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Social Policy

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By the Minister for Mental Health, Rachel Stephen-Smith