



Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
21 February 2022

Asked by Michael Pettersson MLA on 21 February 2022: Emma Davidson MLA took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

Dr Moore: We do not. Part of the process of MindMap is empowering young people to educate themselves to get strategies without referral to services. If you look at the continuum of care, we are trying to empower young people to look at their own strategies. If they need to access services, then those are the services they access. When we look at the evaluation of MindMap, which we are currently doing, we are looking at, first of all, the process of setting up MindMap; then we would look at the outcomes. As the minister says, we will be able to provide you with a bit more of that nuanced detail towards the end of the year.

MR PETERSSON: That is fair enough. Have any service providers given any feedback about increased demand for their services?

Ms Davidson: I could probably take that on notice to see whether any particular services are talking about increased demand. We have a really diverse range of services, though. Some of the services that we have in the ACT target particularly at-risk young people who we know had a very hard time during the second half of last year. They may be experiencing higher demand and it may not be related to the kind of generalised issues that the broader community is seeing but to more specific things for young people that are experiencing a combination of mental health and homelessness, drug and alcohol and that sort of thing.

MINISTER DAVIDSON: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Feedback from service providers to date is anecdotal and has been largely focused on ensuring the service listing is accurate and up to date.

Given the length of time that MindMap has been operational, increase in demand information has not been requested from service providers. This will be captured as part of MindMap's evaluation which is anticipated to commence in late 2022. The Office for Mental Health and Wellbeing is

leading the evaluation in consultation with the Australian National University, University Canberra, and the ACT Youth Coalition.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion

Signature: *Emma Davidson*

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By the Minister for Mental Health, Emma Davidson MLA