



Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

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

Asked by Leanne Castley MLA on 21 February 2022: Emma Davidson MLA took on notice the following question:

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In relation to:

MS CASTLEY: While we are talking about youth mental health, the committee did an investigation into youth and mental health; 66 recommendations from the committee came out of that, with the government agreeing to 44 of them and noting 20. In October last year we found out that 16 of those recommendations have been completed. Could we get an update on how the rest of those recommendations are going?

MS DAVIDSON: Yes, we can provide you with some more information about that. I will pass to Dr Moore to talk in some more detail about those recommendations.

DR MOORE: With respect to the recommendations, we gave an answer to a question on notice last year, and the minister spoke to that. Because we need to go out to all of the different directorates, I am happy to take that on notice and provide that later.

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

I refer the Committee Member to the response provided on 9 November 2021 to the Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing for a question asked during 2021-22 Budget Estimates Hearings ([Attachment A](#)).

The response details the remaining 28 Agree or Agree-in-Principle recommendations currently under progress and their expected timeframes for completion.

Since November 2021, the ACT Government has continued its work to deliver on its commitment to youth mental health and respond to the outstanding recommendations. Progress includes: launch of the Mindmap mental health portal, opening of the community Safe Haven (older youth/tertiary students) and provision of additional funding to CatholicCare for Youth Outreach Support and Parentline for support to families with young children.

The previous update advised the timeframes for expected completion of each remaining recommendation as being by the end of 2021-22, within 2-3 years or ongoing business as usual activity. As a result, no further recommendations have been fully completed since November 2021 and the information in the previous response, provided to the Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing remains an accurate picture of the status of recommendations.

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

Signature: 

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By the Minister for Mental Health, Emma Davidson MLA