

TREASURER TOM KOUTSANTONIS

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\$14.7 million for new specialist older persons' mental health facility and model of care

The State Government is providing \$14.7 million for the construction of a new older persons' mental health facility for older South Australians with severe dementia and mental health issues.

The funding includes \$1 million to support the development of a specialised contemporary model of care and longer term service planning.

This process will include a scoping study to determine the site, design and other details of the build.

The remaining \$13.7 million will be spent on a new facility in accordance with the model of care being developed for older persons mental health services in South Australia.

The new facility will cater for people assessed with the most severe forms of behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia.

Mental Health Minister Leesa Vlahos said these actions are in line with the recommendations from the Chief Psychiatrist review of Oakden.

This commitment is in addition to the refurbishment of Northgate Aged Care where residents from Oakden's Makk and McLeay wards have been relocated.

Background

Following the report by the Chief Psychiatrist into the Oakden Older Persons Mental Health Service, the State Government committed to closing the facility.

The Makk and McLeay wards are now closed as a result of the move to Northgate Aged Care.

Quotes attributable to Mental Health Minister Leesa Vlahos

I am really pleased to announce funding for a new model of care and a dedicated facility that will provide specialist mental health services for older South Australians.

The State Government is committed to delivering a new person-centred, best-practice service for people suffering with severe dementia and mental illness.

I am confident that a new model of care and new facility will help to ensure older South Australians with mental illness and dementia will receive the care they need.

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