

## PHN welcomes new residential rehabilitation

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Central Queensland, Wide Bay, Sunshine Coast PHN CEO, Pattie Hudson has welcomed the release of the Queensland Government's Action on Ice strategy, in particular the previously announced commitment to fund a new residential rehabilitation facility in Rockhampton.

"We are delighted with the Queensland Government's commitment to invest \$14.3 million to establish a new 42 bed residential rehabilitation facility in Rockhampton. This is a great step towards supporting people who want to address their addiction," Mrs Hudson said.

"The Primary Health Network have been working in partnership with Queensland Health, the Central Queensland Hospital and Health Service and service providers have been working with stakeholders all throughout our community.

"We know that there is a real need for better access to residential rehabilitation services in our regional and rural areas.

"Substance misuse is an issue that affects every community in some way and over the past number of years we have been pleased to be able to provide local support through funding a range of programs and services.

"The issue of addiction is a complex one and but working together we can all play a part in shaping a better health system that will meet the needs of our communities.

"The Primary Health Network is funding a range of direct treatment initiatives, including after hours counselling, crisis care and withdrawal management across our region.

"The Primary Health Network is funding services in Central Queensland, Wide Bay and the Sunshine Coast to complement existing services.

"These services target access to counselling after hours, withdrawal management, early intervention, rehabilitation and local sector capacity building.

"The people of our rural and regional communities have shown tremendous dedication and a desire to influence the health system for the better. We will continue to work alongside our communities in advocating for local rehabilitation options and to improve the health system," Mrs Hudson said.

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