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Dear Ms Anspach

Thank you for your letter dated 26 February 2024 to the Honourable Chris Picton MP, Minister for Health and Wellbeing regarding O'Brien Street Practice (OSP) relocation. As this matter falls within my portfolio responsibilities, the Minister has asked me to respond on his behalf.

In response to your questions, I provide the following responses:

1. Has a new location for O'Brien Street Practice been selected?

A potential preferred site in the eastern end of the CBD has been identified and active lease negotiations led by Department for Health and Wellbeing Infrastructure team on behalf of Central Adelaide Local Health Network (CALHN) are still underway.

2. What is the timeframe for services transitioning from the current location to a new location?

It is anticipated that once a lease agreement has been signed and any required infrastructure upgrades needed to support the delivery of contemporary care have been completed, OSP will relocate. The time frame of relocation will be informed by members of the OSP Relocation Planning Group.

3. What actions are being taken to ensure there is no further reduction in services from the levels currently offered at O'Brien Street Practice as a result of the relocation?

Integrated Care recognises the importance of LGBTQIA+ specific health services and remains committed to O'Brien Street Practice at its current and future locations. There are no plans to reduce the services available for the community. We currently have clinic rooms available at the practice and are committed to proactively looking at ways to encourage practitioners to utilise the site. For example, an Expression of Interest continues to be published via various stakeholders and media platforms notifying clinic room availability at OSP. Additionally, Integrated Care has recently appointed a Medical Lead and Medical Head of Unit. Both these roles support the recruitment and retention of our medical workforce across Integrated Care including OSP. We also have a number of nursing

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and clinical administration staff that have been orientated and trained to work at OBS to ensure planned and unplanned leave is covered and there is no interruption to the delivery of services.

4. How many times has the O'Brien Street Practice Relocation Group met and what were the outcomes from these meetings?

OSP Relocation Planning Group has been established to steer the move and routinely meets monthly to discuss and inform requirements for the relocation of OSP and related matters. This group includes OSP patient representatives and the practice's senior medical practitioner, professional staff, and representatives from government and non-government service providers. This meeting continues to be well attended by members who continue to contribute to this important planning phase.

5. Are there any other updates you can provide for us to share with our community?

At this time information about the potential preferred site cannot be disclosed due to active procurement negotiations.

The Integrated Care team, which includes OSP, is grateful to share we have recently completed Rainbow Tick training and are incorporating this knowledge and learnings into relocation planning considerations.

Integrated Care routinely updates progress of the OSP relocation on the CALHN website. [O'Brien Street Practice - CALHN - Central Adelaide Local Health Network](#)

Once again, thank you for bringing this matter to my attention. I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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