

Answer To Supplementary Questions from the Health Enquiry.

My comments are mostly related to the Palliative Care aspects at Gilgandra Multi Purpose Service .

Need to provide adequate staff numbers.On weekends a person to be at the reception desk to answer the phone,admit visitors,screen undesirables.This person does not need to be a trained medical professional(to reduce cost).

Need to incentivise local staff to ensure understanding of needs of patients.

Promote further training schemes aimed at rural high school age students.Doctors,nurses,physios,occupational therapists,radiologists,pharmacists.Introduce a bonded system where scholarships guarantee jobs but rural service has to be undertaken for a reasonable period of time.

Reintroduce local boards who have ability to cater for local needs as LAH seem to have little knowledge of needs in MPS situations.People employed in LAH need to have had experience working in MPS and hospital situations and therefore have a knowledge of needs.They need to serve some time before getting into middle level management.

Encourage community participation in support of local facilities (pink lady concept).

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