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More transition care places to help patients from hospital to home

More elderly patients in the Ipswich region will be able to return home after a hospital stay with an additional seven places approved for the West Moreton Transition Care Service.

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan today said the extra transition care places in Ipswich, Laidley, Esk and Boonah would improve quality of life for older people following a hospital stay.

Ms Nolan said the places were among 167 additional transition care places throughout the state, funded by the Queensland and Australian Governments.

“Transition care is a new model of care to help older people return home after a hospital stay,” she said.

“The additional places will bring the total number available in Queensland to 273.

“Transition care provides short-term support and therapies to help older people to become confident enough to return home where possible, with the support of in-home care if necessary.”

Ms Nolan said the program would give older Queenslanders an opportunity to improve, recover or regain their functional capacity after an illness or operation.

“This new allocation of transition care places will help an even greater number of older Queenslanders to return home after a hospital stay and avoid early admission to residential aged care,” she said.

“The Queensland Government has worked very closely with the Australian Government in developing the Transition Care Program which will be of significant benefit to many older people.”

Ms Nolan said Transition Care was provided around the state through a partnership between Queensland Health and a range of non-government organisations.

It offers eligible older people services such as:

- nursing support;
- low intensity therapy or rehabilitation such as physiotherapy and occupational therapy;
- personal care;
- medical support; and
- case management including developing community supports and services.

“This innovative program will broaden the choices available to older people,” Ms Nolan said.

“These services will help older people return home in better health and with greater independence.”