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New medical day unit unveiled

Nearly 100 families with chronically ill children are set to benefit from the redeveloped Medical Day Unit and Renal Dialysis Unit at the Women's and Children's Hospital, unveiled by the Marshall Liberal Government today.

Premier Steven Marshall said the improved \$4m Medical Day Unit (MDU) and Renal Dialysis Unit (RDU) will provide a more contemporary and efficient clinical space for patients and staff.

"We have committed to sustaining the current Women's and Children's Hospital while we plan and build a new world-class facility," the Premier said.

"The new unit is a significant infrastructure investment that will provide real benefits to families and staff at the hospital now, while the new WCH Taskforce looks at how services will be delivered at the new hospital in the future.

"In the interim, chronically ill children will benefit from having access to a refreshed unit designed especially for their needs."

The redeveloped unit has capacity for up to 18 treatment spaces that will see children with life-long or chronic conditions and also provide services including dialysis, allergy tests and intravenous infusions.

Ninety-eight families regularly use the space and almost 2,000 children were treated last financial year. That number is expected to grow with the addition of new treatment spaces.

Minister for Health and Wellbeing Stephen Wade said the new space is modern and more comfortable for patients their families or carers and staff.

"The redeveloped unit has plenty of natural light, calming environmental graphics, more private spaces and views across the city and parklands," Minister Wade said.

"Having such a welcoming, bright space for chronically ill children and their families helps make them feel more at home while they receive the best health care our clinicians can provide.

"It is especially important for those who are regular visitors to our hospitals to feel comfortable and relaxed during their treatment."

Kathryn Boundy, the Nurse Unit Manager, said consultation with current consumers on the redevelopment was key to ensuring it was best suited to patients' needs.

"Some families are in and out of the unit three days a week, so it was especially important that their feedback and ideas were reflected in the completed build," Ms Boundy said.



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