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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I write in response to petitions 3761-22 and 3739-22, tabled in Parliament on 22 June 2022, in relation to Peritoneal Dialysis Nurse and services at the Beaudesert Hospital. As these petitions are similar in nature, I have taken the liberty of responding to both petitions in this letter. I therefore ask that this response be noted against each petition.

Peritoneal Dialysis is a therapy generally undertaken at home by patients following completion of 5-10 days training at a Peritoneal Dialysis clinic. Once competency has been achieved the patient then undertakes this therapy at home with all supplies and clinical support provided to patients by Logan Hospital. Patients are supported with an initial home visit, following attainment of competency, to support the patient in getting started with treatment at home.

Patients are followed up by the Logan Hospital specialist peritoneal dialysis nurses through a number of methods, either via regular phone calls, in the clinic, or in their home. The frequency of visits to Logan Hospital varies depending on patients' individual needs. Some patients are required to return to Logan Hospital for further training following transfer onto a different treatment, for example, training to go onto a night-time machine which is a further three days.

Currently there is a very small number of patients accessing services at Logan Hospital who would be suitable to undertake their initial training and outpatient appointments at Beaudesert Hospital. The ratio of peritoneal dialysis clinical nurse resourcing to patients is 1:15, and patient numbers do not support the establishment of a service at Beaudesert Hospital.

Metro South Hospital and Health Service remains dedicated to ensuring all patients have appropriate and timely access to all required health care services and continue to engage with Beaudesert Hospital's clinical staff to explore options to enhance the services and support provided.

I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

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