

8 February 2022

The Hon. Brad Hazzard MP NSW Minister for Health GPO Box 5341 SYDNEY NSW 2001

CC - The Hon. Bronnie Taylor, MLC Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health

Dear Minister Hazzard,

I am writing in regard to the recent NSW Government funding provided for new Tresillian regional services to be rolled out across NSW and the requirement for the location of these new Centres to be listed under column 2 of the Schedule 3 list in the NSW Health Service ACT 1997 (see attached) <a href="mailto:before">before</a> Tresillian is able to access the NSW Government TMF Insurance through iCare.

At this point in time, NSW Health Legal Branch has advised that the new Tresillian regional services funded through NSW Health will need a separate insurance policy until the new locations are added on to column 2 of the schedule 3 list of the NSW Health Service ACT 1997.

The announcement of the new funding for 6 new Tresillian regional family care centres AND 5 Tresillian 2U Vans was made in June 2021 and listed on page 21 of the **NSW BUDGET 2021-2022 OVERVIEW** - "\$12.2 million over two years to fund Tresillian for a series of support measures to families experiencing difficulties in the critical first years of their child's life, including six Regional Family Care Centres, five 'Tresillian 2U' vans, and staffing for the Macksville residential unit".

In 2020, NSW Health Legal Branch added 5 newly Government funded Tresillian regional family care centres located at Dubbo, Taree, Broken Hill, Queanbeyan and Coffs Harbour to column 2 of the schedule 3 list, which was gazetted in NSW Parliament.

However, we now have another 6 x regional centres to add which are located at Goulburn, Grafton, Armidale, Griffith, Cowra & Muswellbrook; as well as 5 x new Tresillian 2U Mobile Vans based out of Kempsey, Tweed Valley, Bathurst, Queanbeyan & Inverell. (see attached media release)



Grafton

Tresillian is now operating NSW Health funded services from over 20 locations across NSW and we are requesting that column 2 of the schedule 3 list of the NSW Health Service ACT 1997 be amended to reflect that Tresillian is a statewide service rather than listing locations. Adding locations for these 6 new Centres & 5 new Vans would not be possible as each Tresillian 2U Van will also travel to another 5 separate locations (towns) each week.

Tresillian requests your support to have column 2 of the Schedule 3 list in the NSW Health Service ACT 1997 amended to remove all the current locations and to replace this with Tresillian Family Care Centres. This would align to other Affiliated Health Organisations who do not have locations listed, but rather, just have their statewide service listed in schedule 3: -

- NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS)
- Royal Rehab

I hope that you are able to support our request so that Tresillian can once again access the NSW Government insurer (iCARE) for NSW Health funded services.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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