Health and Community Services Minister, Jane Aagaard, says today’s launch of a $3.5 million Primary Care Information System (PCIS) will significantly improve the delivery of health services to Territorians living in remote areas.

Mrs Aagaard, who launched the PCIS at the Bagot Community Health Centre, said the system will provide a comprehensive and whole of life record of patient health.

"This is a world class system aimed at improving health outcomes."

"Users of the system can share information and communicate across multiple settings and service providers."

The system provides security and privacy for clients and is purpose built to address cultural sensitivities. PCIS is a fully integrated medications management and drug interaction database.

"Computerised care plans assist primary care staff to deliver timely and appropriate care for complex chronic conditions."

"With a highly mobile population in the Territory health professionals are able to maintain detailed client records which allow them to implement and evaluate local health programs and public health and population initiatives."

Mrs Aagaard said the PCIS has been developed by the Department of Health and Community Services over a number of years with assistance from the Commonwealth Government.

Bagot Clinic staff, Jade Software and Hatrix have all worked closely in the development and implementation of PCIS.