Katherine Hospital
Continues to Reach National Benchmarks

Katherine District Hospital continues to achieve performance standards that guide health care facilities around the country, the Health Minister Peter Toyne said today.

The Australian Council of Health Care Standards has extended the hospital’s national accreditation for four years.

“Receiving the Council’s continuing endorsement is a significant achievement for Katherine Hospital,” Dr Toyne said.

“A survey team assessed the hospital in five areas including patient care, leadership and management, human resource management, information management, safe practice and the environment.

“Gaining accreditation means the hospital has demonstrated performance against national standards. It also indicates the hospital is committed to providing the residents of Katherine with a quality service.”

Dr Toyne said the hospital first received accreditation in 2001 and all five public hospitals in the Territory were now accredited – a situation no previous government achieved.

“As part of our Building Healthier Communities framework, we gave a strong commitment to providing better hospitals and health services,” he said.

“We have achieved that not only through the national accreditation of our hospitals but through the implementation and enhancement of services.

“We have also increased the health budget by 64% to $788.6 million in the past five years in recognition of increased demand.”

Dr Toyne said that throughout the accreditation process the Australian Council of Health Care Standards survey team were impressed by the commitment to quality improvement and the enthusiasm and expertise displayed by Katherine Hospital staff.

“No accreditation would be possible without the tireless work of our staff so I’d like to publicly congratulate and thank all hospital employees for their dedication and professionalism in maintaining these very important benchmarks.”

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