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### **Collaboration at the heart of new Youth Mental Health Hub**

A new Youth Mental Health Hub will be jointly launched today by the Federal Member for Mackellar Dr Sophie Scamps, the Federal Member for Warringah Zali Steggall, the State Member for Wakehurst Michael Regan and NSW Mental Health Minister Rose Jackson.

The Youth Mental Health Hub will be located at the Brookvale Community Health Centre, providing a one-stop shop where local young people can receive comprehensive, integrated mental health care and be connected to other services.

The establishment of the Youth Mental Health Hub follows advocacy from Independent MPs Dr Scamps, Ms Steggall and Mr Regan, and community representatives to the NSW Mental Health Minister to expand youth mental health services on the Northern Beaches.

“Today’s launch of such a vital service for our young people is testament to what collaboration and commitment to community need can provide,” Dr Scamps said.

“The new Youth Mental Health Hub answers our call to urgently improve support for young people on the Northern Beaches so they can access the right support when they need it.”

The new facility will be funded by the remaining \$4.5 million capital expenditure originally allocated for the establishment of four adolescent mental health beds at Northern Beaches Hospital.

The former state Liberal government pledged the money despite having no grounds to enforce Healthscope, the private operator of the hospital, to establish the beds, due to the contract they negotiated not requiring the delivery of such a public health service.

The NSW Audit Office is currently auditing the delivery of public health services at Northern Beaches Hospital and is due to report mid-year.

“It is disappointing that the public were led to believe this would happen, which is why I pushed for a full performance audit of the hospital and joined my fellow MPs in asking that the unused funds be redirected to youth mental health on the Northern Beaches as soon as possible,” Dr Scamps said.

An additional \$1.4 million in recurrent funding for the establishment of a Child and Youth Mental Health Service Consultation Liaison service at Northern Beaches Hospital and \$472,00 in recurrent funding to enhance the existing PACER (Police, Ambulance, Clinical, Early Response) service to provide trauma-informed care to people in crisis were announced last year.

“I thank the Minister for Mental Health Rose Jackson for listening to local stakeholders and genuinely trying to find alternative ways to deliver better youth mental health services for our community,” Dr Scamps said.

The new Hub complements the Brookvale Safe Haven, which opened late last year and offers young people a free, friendly and compassionate drop-in service within the same building.

Consultation on the designs for the Youth Mental Health Hub is currently open and Northern Beaches community members are encouraged to provide input via <https://bit.ly/41aoKKp>

The Brookvale Safe Haven is open 7 days a week from 4:00pm to 8:00pm, including on public holidays. It is located at Brookvale Community Health Centre, 612-624 Pittwater Road, opposite Westfield Warringah Mall.

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