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Improving free mental health services in FNQ

Health Reimagined have welcomed their seventh Mental Health Professional this month taking their total to 35 Psychologists/Mental Health Professionals delivering free services to Far North Queenslanders. Under the Commonwealth funded Access to Allied Psychological

Services (ATAPS) Program, Far North Queenslanders can receive up to 18 free face to face or telehealth psychological sessions per year.

'It is important we work with doctors, health professionals, hospitals and other agencies particularly in the Cape region to ensure the community is aware of the free psychological services available to them here in Far North Queensland' Chief Executive Officer Ingrid Steed said.

Health Reimagined are working with the North Queensland Primary Health Network and local mental health stakeholders in developing the service delivery of a new stepped care model to be introduced in 2017 to further improve mental health services delivered in Far North Queensland.

'We are excited to be part of such an important process to develop a program to further improve the health of Far North Queenslanders' Ms Steed said.

Health Reimagined is a not-for-profit, non-government organisation based in Cairns who specialise in facilitation and delivery of health programs for Far North Queensland.

Health Reimagined are seeking additional Mental Health Professionals to join the funded ATAPS Program to continue to further improve mental health services available for Far North Queenslanders. For further information on the free psychological services and to see if you're eligible, visit your doctor or visit www.healthreimagined.com.au for more information.

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