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Press release: Lyell McEwin Hospital

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Two new services will be offered by the Lyell McEwin Hospital - free hospital accommodation for pensioners and home care for the aged.

Announcing this today, the Chief Secretary, Mr. Shard, said twenty-five beds had been set aside as public beds so pensioners in the Elizabeth-Salisbury area could receive proper in-patient treatment.

The provision of public beds, proclaimed by Executive Council, will take effect from today (March 1).

These beds will also be available for teaching purposes.

Two resident medical officers have been seconded from the Queen Elizabeth Hospital for training.

Mr. Shard said a full range of domiciliary care services would be provided by the Hospital in the next few months.

"The Commonwealth Government has approved all the services we applied for, and they will be available as soon as the Hospital can make the necessary arrangements", he said.

"This scheme will help the aged and chronically sick in their own homes in every way possible, and to help their families.

"It will cover people living in the municipalities of Elizabeth, Salisbury and Munno Para."

Services to be provided by this scheme are home meals, house-keeping, home help, sitters, transport and linen, physiotherapy, occupational and speech therapy.

Mr. Shard said these new developments would provide valuable extra community services in the area.