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West Australian ACSA-member adds 60 Transition Care Program beds

Aged & Community Services Australia (ACSA) welcomes the Commonwealth government's provision of an extra 60 Transition Care Program (TCP) beds for older West Australians at ACSA-member Juniper Charles Jenkins Transition Care facility in Bentley.

"These new beds represent a vital facility for older members of the community in Bentley and surrounds. They will be welcomed as a valuable, flexible care option for those in the community who are not yet well enough to return to independent living but are no longer requiring hospital care," said Pat Sparrow, chief executive of Aged & Community Services Australia.

The transition care beds are designed to provide care for those who are not acutely unwell, but not yet ready to return home, giving them access to experienced and accredited aged-care providers, including health and allied health professionals.

Commenting on the provision of the extra 60 beds, Federal Aged Care Minister Ken Wyatt said the beds will be funded under the Commonwealth-State Transition Care Program initiative, and boost Western Australia's total TCP tally from 346 to 406.

"I also recognise the commitment of Juniper which has worked tirelessly to refurbish its Bentley facility to ensure these beds are available before the peak flu season, which will see demand for hospital beds at their peak," Minister Wyatt said in a separate statement, Monday.

"We congratulate Juniper on its successful tender – a deserving achievement for a much-valued community facility that has a long and proud record of providing quality aged-care services in Western Australia," said Ms. Sparrow.

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