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HEALTH CARE DELIVERY FINAL PUBLIC HEARING

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The Chair of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC), Mr Bruce Notley-Smith MP, Member for Coogee, has announced the Committee's final hearing on its inquiry into Management of Health Care Delivery in New South Wales.

The public hearing will be conducted on Friday 9 March 2018, at NSW Parliament House. A copy of the hearing program can be accessed on the Committee's website below.

"At this last hearing, the Committee will initially be focusing on the delivery of mental health services, with particular emphasis on psychotherapeutic medication management in clinical settings and the better targeting of treatment options for patients. Evidence will be taken from Professor Day, a pharmacology expert, as well as representatives from the College of Psychiatry and the Pharmacy Guild. Optimal care and treatment within the health system is an essential part of providing good health outcomes for all patients", said Mr Notley-Smith.

"Evidence will also be taken from the Australian Council of Healthcare Standards and from the Ministry of Health to further test issues raised in submissions and to enable the Committee to complete its investigations. The Committee will use the public hearing to further examine the effectiveness of the NSW Health performance frameworks, as well as understanding how these frameworks can drive improvements".

This hearing marks the third such public hearing conducted at Parliament House and supplements information gained at a public forum and a series of meetings with patients and health providers in Lismore late last year. Mr Notley-Smith noted that "It was particularly useful as part of the inquiry to hear from patients and health service providers about their concerns in order to explore constructive solutions to identified shortcomings in the health system".

After the hearing the Committee will commence drafting its report, which will be tabled in the second half of the year.

For media comment, please contact Bruce Notley-Smith MP on (02) 9398 1822. Further information about the inquiry can be obtained by visiting the Committee's webpage at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/pac or by contacting Bjarne Nordin, Committee Manager, on (02) 9230 2843.