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INQUIRY INTO THE EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND APPROPRIATE DELIVERY OF OUTPATIENT AND COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CARE IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Portfolio Committee No. 2 – Health will hold its third public hearing on Monday 30 October 2023 at NSW Parliament in Sydney, as part of its inquiry into the equity, accessibility and appropriate delivery of outpatient and community mental health care in New South Wales.

Dr Amanda Cohn MLC, Chair of Portfolio Committee No. 2 – Health said 'Earlier this month the committee heard directly from those on the front line who are providing lifesaving mental health services, including First Nations-run organisations like 13Yarn and BlaQ Aboriginal Corporation. We are grateful to those witnesses sharing their experiences.'

The Chair continued, 'Our next hearing will focus on law and justice – specifically, responses to mental health emergencies, including the PACER approach. We will hear from crucial stakeholders, including the Dementia Law Network and the Police Association of NSW. The committee is interested in understanding how best to support and respond to those who are vulnerable when they are experiencing a mental health emergency.'

Hearing details

The hearing will be held on Monday 30 October 2023 from 10.00 am until 12.30 pm in the Macquarie Room at NSW Parliament.

The hearing will be open to the public, and live streamed on the NSW Parliament's website: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/Pages/webcasts.aspx>

For more information about this inquiry, please visit the [inquiry webpage](#).

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