



## MEDIA RELEASE

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

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**15 November 2023**

Portfolio Committee No. 2 – Health will hold its fourth public hearing on Friday 17 November 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 'the Committee is looking forward to hearing directly from the Commissioner of the Mental Health Commission of NSW and the NSW/ACT Primary Health Network about how we can improve mental health services across the State.

The Committee will hear from leading research group Black Dog Institute, as well the National Youth Mental Health Foundation – Headspace.

The Committee will also receive evidence from agencies from the ACT to learn about other jurisdictions' approach to mental health emergencies. The Chair concluded, 'Having heard about how NSW agencies respond to mental health emergencies in our last hearing, we are interested to learn how other responses differ in other jurisdictions and what lessons could be applied here in NSW.'

### **Hearing details**

The hearing will be held on Friday 17 November 2023 from 11.00 am until 4.30 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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