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No 222

**INQUIRY INTO OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF  
THE NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL**

**Name:** Name suppressed

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The police and ambulance were called by a neighbour who told us Ben was in a bad state.

The Police and Ambulance attended and my Son Ben was transported by Police and Ambulance to Northern Beaches Hospital from North Balgowlah in mid June 2019 (I am unsure of the exact date) after threatening suicide.

After being transported to the hospital he was discharged after about 1 hour and he returned home having had no care at the hospital or follow up afterwards.

Unfortunately on the afternoon of July 1 he committed suicide at his home.

I feel that his suicide was a result of improper assessment or treatment at the hospital. Despite the fact that the statements he made to the Police and Ambulance of his intention to commit suicide made it essential for them to have him admitted.

I know now that the hospital did not follow government policy and procedure which is set in place for these cases.

They just sent him home!

I am devastated that this happened to me and his family and do not wish this to happen to anyone else.