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

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I'm concerned that the NSW mental health services & emergency services aren't working cohesively together to help those in need. Emergency services & police don't take mental issues seriously, this is how vulnerable adults end up homeless &/or with criminal records. Instead of the treatment, help & mental health assessments needed. Information vastly varies when contacting the mental health support line. Nobody is taking responsibility or showing duty of care to the vulnerable members of our society. Online & Telehealth services aren't the answer, they need face to face help. Waiting lists for counselling or therapy are at least six months long. Most psychology students are unable to find work in their fields despite the overwhelming need for them, especially in rural areas.