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The NDIS, community mental health support services and human rights – Article 19 Living independently and being included in the community

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This paper

Public
Advocate's
role

CMHSS/NDIS

Human rights
and article 19





About me





Functions of the Public Advocate

“to promote, facilitate and encourage the provision, development and co-ordination of services and facilities provided by government, community and voluntary organisations for persons with a disability with a view to promoting the development of the ability and capacity of persons with a disability to act independently”.

Guardianship and Administration Act 1986 (s15)



Community Visitors refer issue to Ombudsman

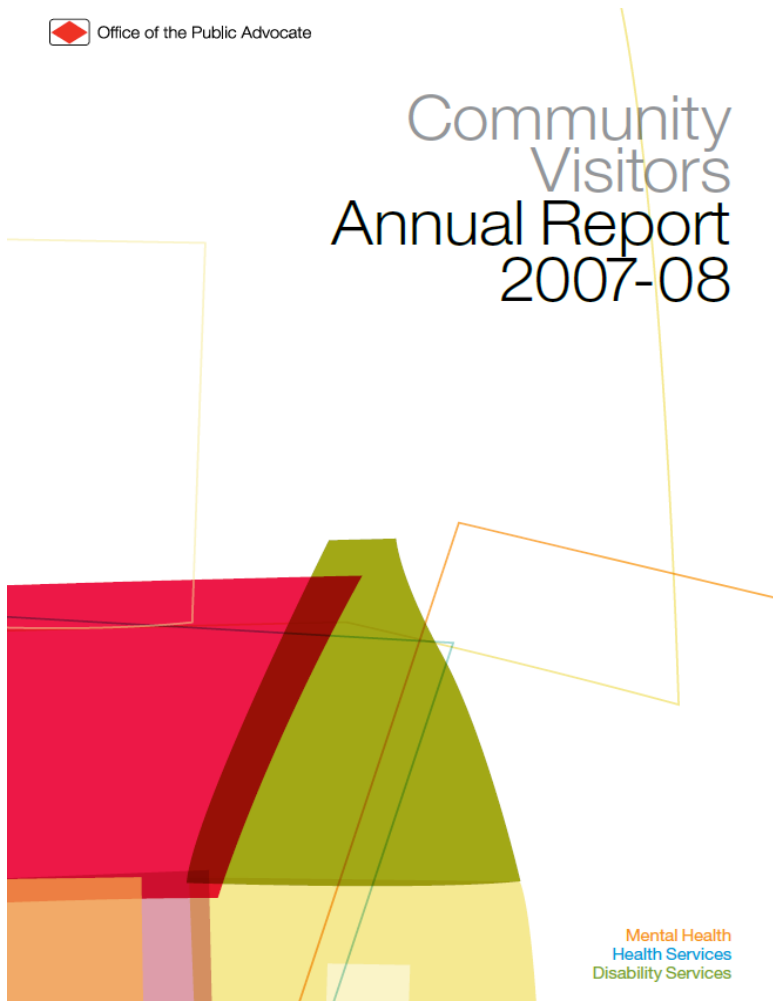
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Investigation following concerns raised by
Community Visitors about a mental health facility
October 2014



Long-stay patient project

Community Visitors Annual Report 2007-08



Long-stay Patient Project

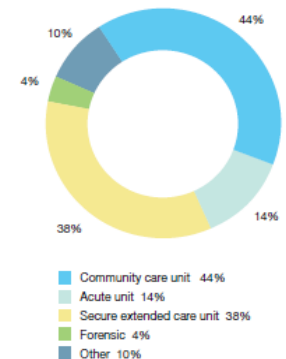
The *Long-stay Patient Project*, which commenced in April 2007 is a twelve-month snapshot of information collected by Community Visitors of patients who have been inpatients beyond what is seen as a 'reasonable' length of stay in adult mental health units.

The 'long-stay' period is defined as more than three months in adult acute units, more than two years in community care units, and more than six months in other units.

In many area mental health services, Community Visitors were assisted in identifying long-stay patients by nurse unit managers and/or mental health staff. For example, in one area mental health service, staff identified a group of secure extended care unit patients as having the potential to move into the community together, if such an option were available.

Community Visitors identified 99 patients in total across the state, the majority in community care units and secure extended care units (see Figure 2). These patients were considered to be ready for discharge but unable to move to the next level of care due to blockages in the bed-based system or shortages of appropriate community-based accommodation and support.

Distribution of long-stay patients identified by Community Visitors 2007/8 (N=99)







Victorian Mental Health Ministers



IMPROVING MENTAL HEALTH OUTCOMES IN VICTORIA

The Next Wave of Reform

Prepared by The BOSTON CONSULTING GROUP

July 2006

Because mental health matters

A new focus for mental health and wellbeing in Victoria
Consultation paper, May 2008

Department of Health

health

Victoria's priorities for mental health reform 2013-15

Psychiatric Disability Rehabilitation and Support Services Reform Framework

health

Victoria's next 10-year mental health strategy

Discussion paper

VICTORIA'S 10-YEAR MENTAL HEALTH PLAN

Review of the PDR Program, Adult Rehabilitation and Residential Rehabilitation

For the Victorian Department of Health

April 2011

Australian Government
Productivity Commission

Disability Care and Support

Productivity Commission Inquiry Report Volume 1

No. 54, 31 July 2011

ndis National Disability Insurance Scheme

Quarter 1, 2015-16 Report

support services for people with disability

NDIS tried sites: On time, Within budget, High satisfaction

22,960 people have become participants in the NDIS.
19,758 people have individual plans, helping them change their living arrangements, the supports and services they need to live more independently and engage with their community.

\$1.2b has been allocated for prototype support sites.

Participant satisfaction scores high with 95% rating their planning process as "good" or "very good"

State/Territory	Participants with approved plans
NSW	5,047
NT	50
SA	5,235
TAS	1,003
VIC	4,685
ACT	2,176
NT	100
WA	1,462

Review of the Mental Health Act 1986

Consultation paper - December 2008

Australian Government Response to Contributing Lives, Thriving Communities - Review of Mental Health Programmes and Services

Report of the National Review of Mental Health Programmes and Services

Volume 1

Strategic Directions
Practical Solutions 1-2 years

30 November 2014

new Mental Health Act