

AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION ON SAFETY AND QUALITY IN HEALTH CARE

TRIM: D23-51783

Ms Melanie Steiger

Via email: foi+request-10759-f51d65bb@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Ms Steiger

Transfer of freedom of information request to another agency

I refer to your request for access to data relating to involuntary hospitalisations for men and women in New South Wales between 2020 and 2023 under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act).

Thank you for sharing your experience and the events which have resulted in this request. I offer my condolences for the loss of your son in such tragic circumstances. If you wish to, I suggest contacting the hospital in the first instance, to seek further information on your son's treatment and if required follow the appropriate complaint channel with the hospital.

If you are not satisfied with their responses or the information provided, you may wish to contact the NSW Health Care Complaints Commission (<https://www.hccc.nsw.gov.au/>)

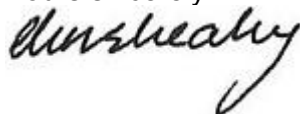
I am writing to tell you that I have transferred your request to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW). Under section 16(1) of the FOI Act, I am able to transfer a request if the requested document is not in my possession but in the possession of another agency or if the subject matter of the document is more closely connected with the functions of another agency.

Accordingly, on 20 October 2023 I transferred your request which relates to involuntary hospitalisations for men and women between 2020 and 2023 to the AIHW whose functions are more closely connected to the subject area.

We received your request on 16 October 2023 and the 30-day statutory period for processing your request commenced from the day after that date. The AIHW will treat your request as though it received it the same day that we did. You should therefore expect a decision from the AIHW by 16 November 2023. The period of 30 days may be extended if the AIHW needs to consult third parties or for other reasons. They will advise you if this happens.

If you have any questions, please contact the FOI Officer at AIHW, Clare Sorensen, on 02 6244 1000 or email foi@aihw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Chris Leahy
Chief Operating Officer

23 October 2023