

Inquiry into Health Services for the Psychiatrically Ill and Developmentally Disabled, New South Wales

1983 – 1983

Other Names: • The Richmond Report

Details

The *Inquiry into Health Services for the Psychiatrically Ill and Developmentally Disabled* was chaired by David T Richmond in 1983 and its findings are usually referred to as 'The Richmond Report'. It changed mental health and disability provision in New South Wales, and influenced other services, including out-of-home care for children. Richmond evaluated mental health services, psychiatric hospitals, institutional care for people with mental disabilities and group homes. He recommended the closure of 'fifth schedule' hospitals: that is, institutions for people with mental disabilities and psychiatric illnesses. This process, called 'deinstitutionalisation', was embraced by the NSW Government and meant people were moved from large institutions into community care, group homes and other residential facilities. Community services to support them were enhanced. The impact of this change on people with intellectual disability and psychiatric conditions and their carers and families is contested.

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Related Entries

Related Organisations

- [Department of Youth and Community Services, State Government of New South Wales \(1976 - 1988\)](#)
The services and policies of the Department of Youth and Community Services were affected by the recommendations of the Inquiry into Health Services for the Psychiatrically Ill and Developmentally Disabled.
- [Department of Family and Community Services, State Government of New South Wales \(1988 - 1991\)](#)
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- [Health Department, State Government of New South Wales \(1982 - current\)](#)
The recommendations of the Inquiry into Health Services for the Psychiatrically Ill and Developmentally Disabled about mental health and disability policy affected the services and policies of the Health Department and resulted in the closure of several hospitals.
- [Grosvenor Hospital \(1965 - 1985\)](#)
Grosvenor Hospital was delisted as a fifth schedule hospital in 1985, following the recommendations of the Inquiry into Health Services for the Psychiatrically Ill and Developmentally Disabled.
- [Grosvenor Centre \(1985 - 2009\)](#)
The Grosvenor Centre was created after the Inquiry into Health Services for the Psychiatrically Ill and Developmentally Disabled, and was later closed under the NSW Government's policy of deinstitutionalisation.

- [Peat Island Hospital \(1973 - 1989\)](#)

Peat Island Hospital was affected by the recommendations of the Inquiry into Health Services for the Psychiatrically Ill and Developmentally Disabled.

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