

Recommendation Response from Department of Health Biannual Report – February 2025

Devan Beau Ginbey died, aged 21 years, from hypoxic brain injury following ligature compression of the neck (hanging). Devan presented to Peel Health Campus ED with suicidal ideation and self-inflicted lacerations following several weeks of increased stress and deteriorating mental state. He was reviewed and offered voluntary admission, however, was required to wait for an available bed. Devan left the ED early the next morning, which went unnoticed until after morning handover. He was found approximately three hours after leaving the hospital, having hanged himself at his home. He was taken to Fiona Stanley Hospital Intensive Care Unit (ICU) but did not recover from the hypoxic brain injury and was declared deceased three days later.

One recommendation was made relating to funding of a 10-bed Mental Health Observation Area (MHOA) and 20-bed inpatient mental health unit once the governance of Peel Health Campus comes under the SMHS.

The CRC reviewed these findings with members noting that the plans for the Peel Health Campus redevelopment included establishment of a Mental Health Observation Area (MHOA) in its emergency department. While members recognised the limitations of MHOAs in terms of providing mental health treatment, they agreed that MHOAs provide a more therapeutic environment for patients awaiting admission.

Planning for the Peel Health Campus Redevelopment maintains the full scope of government's 2020 announcement, including the 10-bed MHOA and 20-bed Inpatient Mental Health Unit.

The recently established Office of Major Health Infrastructure Delivery (OMHID) is providing support to the Peel Health Campus Redevelopment Project and detailed planning is progressing for submission to government via the Minister for Health, seeking an investment decision as soon as possible.

On the understanding that implementation involves a large-scale long-term project, CRC members agreed to close the recommendation. No update will be provided for the next biannual report.