

National Human Rights Consultation Submission

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Submission Text:

Mentally ill adolescents currently do not have the same access to mental health services enjoyed by adults.

In the area where we live, for example, the out-of-hours crisis team will only attend adults in crisis. Adolescents are expected to have their crises between 9 and 5, Monday to Friday.

There is no hospital in our area health service which has both a paediatric and a mental health service. An adolescent who has attempted suicide will be patched up physically and then discharged by the hospital with paed, or will be housed with mentally ill adults in the hospital with mental health services.

And we live on Sydney's Northern Beaches - hardly a remote area.