



Acute care pathway services are focused on achieving the best possible outcomes for people during times of mental health crisis. We know that the best acute mental health care plays a vital role in keeping people safe and helping them achieve recovery.

We know that many services achieve high quality care. We are committed to ensuring all acute mental health services achieve excellent care.

We are committed to ensuring equality of access to good quality acute care that is sensitive to spiritual and cultural needs for all sections of the community whatever their gender, age, mental health problem, disability, ethnicity or sexual orientation.

We declare that:

Good quality acute mental health services (inpatient and community) are essential and achievable.

We will work together to:

- 1) Further encourage the commissioning and provision of high quality acute care.
- 2) Promote recovery and inclusion for people using acute mental health services.
- 3) Support the development of a specialist acute care workforce.
- 4) Champion positive perceptions of acute care services.
- 5) Support quality improvement, service development and research in acute care.

ACUTE CARE DECLARATION

Aiming to ensure that people with mental health problems, who are acutely ill, receive the services they need at the time of their greatest vulnerability.

This declaration is endorsed by:

