

CLINICAL CARE OF PEOPLE WHO MAY BE SUICIDAL

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DOCUMENT SUMMARY/KEY POINTS

NSW Ministry of Health Policy

Clinical Care of People Who May Be Suicidal

http://www0.health.nsw.gov.au/policies/pd/2016/pdf/PD2016_007.pdf

- The above linked document is a NSW Ministry of Health Policy Directive.
- The purpose of the Guideline is to provide a framework for LHDs and clinicians and address the expected requirements in their role supporting the care of people who may be suicidal
- The guideline is designed to support clinicians, service planners and educators across a range of health care setting, not only exclusive to mental health

Refer to the Guideline for:

- [Identification and care of people with suicidal behaviour or ideation](#)
 - [Comprehensive mental health assessment](#)
 - [Psychiatric evaluation](#)
 - [Psychosocial assessment](#)
 - [Assessment of risk](#)
- [Clinical care of the person](#)
- [Responding to people with ongoing suicidality](#)
- [Transfer of care and discharge](#)
- [Clinical supervision and support](#)
- [Clinical documentation](#)
- [Environmental hazards](#)
- [Education and training](#)
- [Management following a suspected death by suicide](#)

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To be read in conjunction with:

NSW MOH [Mental Health Triage Policy PD2012_053](#)

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CHANGE SUMMARY

- N/A New SCHN document.
- Replaces:
 - NSW Department of Health. Circular 98/31 Policy guidelines for the management of patients with possible suicidal behaviour for NSW Health staff and staff in private hospital facilities (May 1998).

READ ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- All clinical staff including medical, nursing, & allied health, must read and acknowledge they understand the contents of this document.

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