

The Australian Medical Officers' Federation speaks up for the Mental Health of Patients and Doctors

The Northern Territory Branch of the Doctors Union today released the Policy Statement (see below) recently endorsed by the Federal Executive for National release.

“Improving Mental Health Care for Patients and Doctors” highlights the severe, long term under-resourcing of mental health services in the Northern Territory. It focuses on the particular issues of mental health patients attending Hospital Emergency Departments nationwide, echoing the headline news in Darwin recently.

Workplace stress spans all areas of Medicine, but the significant staff shortages in Mental Health put Senior Psychiatrists and Junior Doctors at particular risk of stress related disorders. This puts patients at further risk.

ASMOF NT is working hard to protect the interests of Patients and Doctors in mental health by working in collaboration with the Northern Territory Branch of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists to substantially increase funding to Mental Health Services.

[Policy Statement – Acute Mental Health Care](#)

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