

# The Mental Health Services Commission

1968 – 1989

## Details

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The Mental Health Services Commission replaced the Division of Psychiatric Services in 1968. It provided mental health services to children and adults. In 1989, the Commission amalgamated with the Department of Health.

The *Mental Health Services Commission Act* established the Mental Health Services Commission.

The Commission assisted adults and children with a psychiatric illness, intellectual disability or problems with drug and alcohol abuse. Its services included long term hospital accommodation, day patient facilities and community centres.

In 1989, when the Commission amalgamated with the Department of Health, the Department of Community Services took over intellectual disability services.

## More info

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### Chronology

- Division of Mental Hygiene (1945 - 1956)
  - Division of Mental Health (1956 - 1963)
    - Division of Psychiatric Services (1963 - 1968)
- **The Mental Health Services Commission (1968 – 1989)**
  - Mental Health Services (1989? - current)

### Related Entries

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- [Royal Derwent Hospital \(1968 - 2000\)](#)
- [Combined Children's Centre \(1968 - current\)](#)
- [Children's Psychiatric Service Launceston \(1971 - 1990?\)](#)

#### Related Organisations

- [Aspect House \(1981\)](#)
- [Department of Health Services, State of Tasmania \(1956 - 1989\)](#)

The Mental Health Services Commission took over the management of mental health from the Department of Health Services in 1968.

## Resources

- *The Mental Health Services Commission: report for the year 1969-70*, 1971
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- *The Mental Health Services Commission: report for the year 1979-80*, 1980
- *The Mental Health Services Commission: report for the year 1983-4*, 1985
- *The Mental Health Services Commission: report for the year 1970-71*, 1972
- Tooth, John, [Treatment of Mental Illness](#), The companion to Tasmanian history, 2005

## Records

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- [Correspondence Files, Public Health Department \(1940 - 1989\)](#)
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