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MEDIA RELEASE

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Hospital in the Home

A welcomed initiative helping mental health patients and their families

A sigh of relief from many families, friends and carers of people living with a mental illness as Michael Ferguson, the Minister for Health, announces a new evidenced based program offering clinical care in the patient's home.

"It is a positive move toward contemporary models of care for Tasmanians experiencing mental illness", said Maxine Griffiths, CEO of Mental Health Carers Tasmania.

"Families and carers will also benefit from *Hospital in the Home* as they interact with professional staff on a daily basis. Developing new ways to support the person in their care can only be good for all concerned," she continued.

"*Hospital in the Home* is a beginning to an integrated mental health model of care and we look forward to working closely with Dr Groves, Chief Psychiatrist, as he leads Tasmania to new and innovative approaches to mental health care".

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OUR VISION

Carers of people affected by mental ill health are understood, respected, valued and supported to build their capacities and improve their qualities of life.