

The Hon Anoulack Chanthivong MP

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Ref: D25/0455032

Her Honour Magistrate O'Sullivan
NSW State Coroner

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Your Honour,

I am writing to update you on the work of Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) to consider and address recommendations in the matter of the death of Jasmynd Gibbs. Please find enclosed the CSNSW response to the recommendations handed down by Deputy State Coroner, Magistrate Harriet Grahame on 20 February 2024.

Any queries on these matters can be directed to Mr Jeremy Tucker, Director, Parliamentary and Executive Services on 0436 650 240 or via email at jeremy.tucker@correctiveservices.nsw.gov.au

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anoulack Chanthivong". To the right of the signature, there is a handwritten note "17-417T".

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Date of finding	Name to be published on the website	Coronial Findings	Recommendations made to:	Recommendation	Supported/Partially supported/Not supported/Under consideration	CSNSW Status December 2023 - June 2024	CSNSW Formal Response to Attorney General
20-Feb-24	GIBBS, Jasmynd	Identity: The person who died is Jasmynd Gibbs Date of death: Jasmynd Gibbs died on 7 May 2021 Place of death: Jasmynd Gibbs died at John Hunter Hospital, Newcastle Cause of death: Jasmynd Gibbs died of complications of methylamphetamine use Manner of death: His death occurred in circumstances of a drug relapse whilst on supervised parole. Jazzy had complex needs and required comprehensive "wrap-around" support which was not available.	CSNSW	2. That the Commissioner of Corrective Services review training on mental health and complex support needs to identify whether it meets the needs of Community Corrections Officers.	Supported	In Progress	Corrective Services NSW is consulting with stakeholders to update the Mental Health Awareness Course to include complex scenarios that addresses LGBTQI+, Abotiginal and Torres Strait Islander and Culturally and Liguistically Diverse communities. The new program is expected to be complete by August 2024. The Certificate IV in Custodial Practice (Integrated Support Services) is being redesigned and now includes case studies and scenarios involving Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people presenting with complex mental health issues combined with other factors. This package is expected to be finalised by August 2024. The Certificate IV in Custodial Practice (Integrated Support Services) is being redesigned and the new training for Community Corrections includes Parole Training as a mandatory pre-requisite which requires trainees to complete the Parole Case Management and Supervision workplace learning. The training includes activities examining accommodation and emergency accommodation as well as complex scenarios. The package is expected to be finalised by August 2024.
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