



Life Esidimeni Portrait Photographs © Mark Lewis

Good Afternoon

Thank you for attending the Launch of the Life Esidimeni Online Memorial & Advocacy Project.

In 2016, 144 people with mental illness, lost their lives. They died in the care of the public health system, from neglect and starvation. They died at the hands of those who were supposed to protect them.

Please find attached the following:

- Take a look at the new Life Esidimeni Online Memorial and Advocacy Project Website www.lifeesidimeni.org.za
- In 2016, 144 people with mental illness, lost their lives. They died in the care of the public health system, from neglect & starvation. Their lives & stories matter. Read more about the stories behind the people & families - [click here](#).
- If you missed the online launch of the #LifeEsidimeni Online Memorial & Advocacy Project today, here is the [Facebook Live recording](#).
- Recent South African Human Rights Commission Report to Parliament (December 2020) - [Click here](#)
- [Click here](#) to view the this week's Daily Maverick articles covering Mental Health, Updates needed for the National Mental Health Policy Framework, Justice Unfinished, Mental Health Stigma among Healthcare Workers and more.
- [Click here](#) for the Life Esidimeni Online Memorial & Advocacy Project Launch [Press Release](#)
- Do you have a loved one in a mental health care facility; a hospital, clinic or

NGO? Are you worried about the care and support they are receiving? It is your right to get quality health care for all patients who are mentally ill. [Click here](#) to find out more about different ways you can make a complaint or report an issue.

If you have any further questions or comments – please don't hesitate to contact Kayla (Media@anxiety.org.za) or Cassey (office@anxiety.org.za).

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