

Senate Inquiry into Suicide in Australia

The appropriate role and effectiveness of agencies, such as police, emergency departments, law enforcement and general health services in assisting people at risk of suicide

This mother's grief is but one month old and still very raw hence this will be brief. My adult child, who suffered from major depression associated with Asperger Syndrome had a new prescription written out by the doctor and awaiting collection. Time and distance pressures between home, place of employment and the Doctor's room prevented it's collection.

This meant six days elapsed without the administration of Esipram. During this time the morbid thoughts which had earlier been weaker than a mother's love became dominating and a life was extinguished. There remains a traumatised network of loving and deeply caring people.

Is a system available whereby a Doctor can convey by fax or electronic means, a prescription to a pharmacy nominated by the patient? If not, could one be considered?

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