

Unit 2A is a 30-bed geriatric psychiatry transitional unit. Patients from any of the four acute care units at Villa Caritas who meet the criteria of alternative level of care (ALC) are transferred to this unit, as they no longer require acute services. The unit's focus is to reintegrate the patient back to the most suitable community living environment where they will continue to maintain their optimum level of functioning and independence with follow-up and supports. When she has been discharged to a Lodge setting, there has been no follow up, no support

Unit 2A is not a long-term placement.- The unnamed resident was detained on Ward - 2A for close to five years.

This program includes:

- Admission and treatment services - No therapy only medicating of this patient. The drugs caused her to sleep and dulled her.
- Access to physicians and other medical professionals- When she suffered a physical problem - massive infection -, she was not given treatment & antibiotics until we made an issue of it.
- Clinical expertise in psychiatric treatment within the interdisciplinary framework
- Intensive acute treatment - the only treatment was abuse as noted in the letter and forced psychotropic drugs.
- Crisis and risk management oriented services
- Inclusion of patient and family defined circle of support
- Spiritual and culturally diverse care and treatment planning
- Safe and secure treatment environment - There was a successful suicide.
- Collaboration with other health care sectors
- Non-smoking environment with access to nicotine replacement therapy