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Women with Disabilities Victoria supports initiatives which uphold women's right to safety in all settings, including in mental health facilities.

Research on women's safety in mental health services shows that women feel unsafe, they experience violence and harassment. Also of serious concern are reports that many staff are not equipped to appropriately identify and respond to gender based violence and harassment.

Evidence based action is needed to address this serious issue. Women with Disabilities Victoria support advocates calls for safe, separate wards for women. Prevention and response actions should be coordinated and resourced through policies related to gender equality, gender based violence and the NDIS.

Yours sincerely

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