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The Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka (HRCSL) conducted a *Suo Motu* (on its own motion) investigation on the death of a patient while taking residential treatment at the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH). A team of HRCSL consisting of senior officials visited NIMH on 28th July 2023 and recorded statements from several staff members including nursing officers and supportive staff. The team met the Director, the Deputy Director, and other senior officials of NIMH and inquired about the incident.

HRCSL team also visited Mulleriyawa Police Station and inquired about the progress of the police investigation into the death of the said patient. HRCSL will call for reports from relevant parties related to this incident and summon all concerned individuals as well for a detailed inquiry at the Commission as early as possible.

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