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Dear Mr Salvage,

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MENTAL HEALTH ACT 2014

As you are aware, the Mental Health Act (MHA) 2014 will commence on 30 November 2015. A range of training resources has been developed for clinicians through the Office of the Chief Psychiatrist, Office of Mental Health, and the Mental Health Commission. I acknowledge the generosity of Area Mental Health Services, whose staff have offered countless hours to develop the training resources.

As all medical practitioners can potentially refer under MHA 2014, they need to receive and read the base training package with this covernote.

The basic information package is called the **Information for Referring Practitioners Package**:

- Go to <http://www.chiefpsychiatrist.health.wa.gov.au/home/>
- Basic information on the MHA 2014, focussing on referral
- A referral flowchart
- Information about statutory notifications referrers must make
- A summary of the Charter of Mental Healthcare Principles
- Simple direction to further training and other resources

Other resources available:

- **Clinicians' e-Learning Package (CELP)**
 - Go to <https://mha2014.e3learning.com.au/>
 - 15 modules, 3-4 hours in total
 - Entirely online
 - Includes multiple choice questions at the end of each module
 - Certification available
- **Referrers' e-Learning Package**
 - Go to <https://mha2014.e3learning.com.au/>
 - 60 minutes
 - Entirely online
- **A Clinicians' Practice Guide to MHA 2014 e-book**
 - Go to <http://www.chiefpsychiatrist.health.wa.gov.au/home/>
 - A reference resource
 - Includes the Chief Psychiatrist's Standards and Guidelines and other useful addenda

- **Face to Face Training**
 - Area Mental Health Services have a range of trainers who can provide face to face sessions of varying lengths
- **Clinicians' Helpdesk**
 - Phone 08 9222 4217
 - From 30 November 2015-30 May 2016, 24 hours (after this, Monday to Friday 0830-1630)

Minimum recommendations for specific groups, (prior to 30 November 2015):

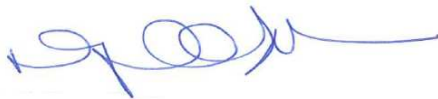
- Mental Health Services
 - all clinical staff to complete the CELP
 - Certain staff within Mental Health Services are required to complete more extensive mandated training (contact Mental Health Service Clinical Directors)
- Doctors in Training
 - Read the Information for Referring Practitioners Package
- Emergency Department Clinicians
 - Read the Information for Referring Practitioners Package
 - Encourage to complete the CELP or attend local Face to Face session
- Rural Outpost Nursing Staff
 - Read the Information for Referring Practitioners Package

I would be grateful if you could ensure that every medical practitioner (mental health or non-mental health) in your service receives the Information for Referring Practitioners Package with this covernote prior to 30 November 2015. It is the responsibility of every medical practitioner to read this information.

Please note, training opportunities will continue after 30 November 2015.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely



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30 October 2015