

Mental Health Quality and Safety Forum Presented by the Chief Psychiatrist

Risk assessment in mental health inpatient units: Is there evidence to support current risk assessment practices?

Friday 22 June 2018

9am – 1.00pm

Venue: Melbourne Town Hall – Swanston Hall
Corner of Collins and Swanston Streets, Melbourne

The Mental Health Quality and Safety Forums are a series of events that address key quality and safety issues for Victorian Government funded mental health services. This forum focuses on the efficacy of risk assessment in mental health inpatient units. Is there evidence to support current risk assessment practices? Are they evidence-based and achieving the intended outcomes? What other approaches will work better?

Facilitator: Sue Kelsall

	Description	Person	Time
Current approaches and thinking			
1.	Minister's Opening Address	Hon. Martin Foley	9.00 am
2.	Current views on risk assessment practice	Live Poll	9.05 am
3.	Welcome & introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Context setting How other jurisdictions approach risk assessment The case for change 	Daniel O'Connor , Victoria's Deputy Chief Psychiatrist	9.10 am
4.	Art or science Current approaches to risk assessment	Prof Matthew Large , University of NSW	9.25 am
5.	Fact or fiction The link between risk assessment practices and the Coroner's expectations	Paresa Spanos , Coroner, Coroners Court of Victoria	10.05 am
6.	What really matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Person-centred safety planning Focusing on recovery and everyday risks Looking at risk assessments from the other side More effective ways to manage risk and improve the journey for consumers and carers 	Indigo Daya - Human Rights Advisor Victorian Mental Illness Awareness Council (VMIAC) Marie Piu – Chief Executive Officer Tandem Liz Carr - Senior Advocate, Bendigo Independent Mental Health Advocacy (IMHA) Liz Cox - Head of Risk, Victorian Managed Insurance Authority (VMIA)	10.25 am
7.	Morning tea		11.05 am
8.	Creating an appetite for change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board statements Balancing medico-legal concerns 	Prof David Clarke - Director Clinical Services, Monash Health Dr Catherine Daniel - Lecturer Mental Health Nursing - University of Melbourne John Snowdon - Chief Legal Officer, Northern Health	11.25 am
9.	Creating a new framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What might the key elements of a new approach look like? What are some practical considerations for implementation? 	Live Poll	12.20pm
10.	Summary and next steps	Neil Coventry Victoria's Chief Psychiatrist	12.55pm