

Save the date: **FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER 2018**

## Chief Psychiatrist's Mental Health Quality and Safety Forum

Topic: Sexual safety in Victorian mental health services

### Promoting sexual safety

Every Victorian deserves to access mental health treatment in a safe and secure environment. This requires services and practitioners to consider the diverse needs, expectations and experiences of people in relation to their gender, sexual identity and personal safety.

### The Victorian context

Forum participants will have the opportunity to hear from two local health services that have introduced innovative approaches, as well as consider early results from the implementation of the new reporting checklist and procedure for sexual incidents on acute inpatient units. The diverse needs of carers and consumers will also be highlighted through their lived experience.

### Co-designing new guidelines

The Chief Psychiatrist will be seeking the views of the forum as to content of a new set of guidelines to eliminate sexual assault in inpatient settings and promote gender sensitive practice across mental settings in Victoria.

### Who should attend?

- Mental health service executives, operational managers, quality and safety managers, nurse unit managers, psychiatrists, allied health clinicians
- Health service executives
- Consumer and carer representatives and peer support workers

**When:** Friday 7 December 2018, 9am to 3.30pm.

**Where:** Melbourne Town Hall

**More information:** Details about the program and registration will be distributed shortly. Please contact Randolph Obregon on 9096 5631 or [randolfo.obregon@dhhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:randolfo.obregon@dhhs.vic.gov.au)

### International keynote speaker

Dr Paul Lelliott, Deputy Chief Inspector of Hospitals (Lead for Mental Health), Care Quality Commission, England.



Dr Paul Lelliott is the Deputy Chief Inspector of Hospitals – Lead for Mental Health at the Care Quality Commission (CQC). His role includes the development and delivery of a new regime of inspections of all National Health Service (NHS) England and independent sector providers of mental health and substance misuse services.

Dr Lelliott also has oversight of the CQC's responsibilities in relation to the Mental Health Act. The NHS Operating Framework for 2011/12 requires all providers of NHS funded care 'to eliminate mixed sex accommodation except where it is in the overall best interests of the patient, or reflects their patient choice'.

In 2017, the CQC conducted a review a three month period (April and June 2017) of reports on patient safety incidents in mental health wards recorded in the NHS National Reporting and Learning System.

The review found that many reports described sexual safety incidents, including sexual assault and harassment. A report 'Sexual safety on mental health wards', was published in September 2018, summarising the CQC's findings and recommendations for action.

<https://www.cqc.org.uk/publications/major-report/sexual-safety-mental-health-wards>

Dr Lelliott has more than 20 years' experience as a consultant psychiatrist and, before joining the CQC, established and led the quality improvement programmes managed by the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

We are pleased to welcome Dr Lelliott to Victoria and as a keynote speaker at the forum.