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**Canberra Health
Services**

Mr Gerard Hayes
Secretary
Health Services Union

Via email: secretary@hsu.asn.au

Dear Mr Hayes

Consultation – Draft Adult Acute Mental Health Services (AAMHS) Operational Procedure

In accordance with the ACT Public Sector Enterprise Agreements, where there are proposals by the ACT Public Service to introduce change, the head of service will consult with the affected employees and the relevant unions.

The Proposal

AAMHS is a program area of the Mental Health, Justice Health and Alcohol & Drug Services (MHJHADS) Division within Canberra Health Services (CHS). The AAMHS teams are made up of multi-disciplinary mental health professionals who collaborate with the person, their family, carers, and wider support network to provide consultation, liaison, assessment, treatment, and clinical management within a recovery framework.

Enclosed for your consideration is the *Draft AAMHS Operational Procedure* specific to the AAMHS inpatient units within MHJHADS. This includes the Adult Mental Health Unit (AMHU), Mental Health Short Stay Unit (MHSSU), and Ward 12B. It should be noted the *Draft AAMHS Operational Procedure* was previously referred to as the *AMHU Operational Procedure*, and has been expanded to incorporate Ward 12B and MHSSU.

Next Steps

To allow staff and unions a genuine opportunity to contribute to and influence the decision-making process prior to the document being finalised, the consultation period for the review of this procedural document is from 8 June 2022 – 20 July 2022.

I would welcome any written feedback you may have regarding this proposal. Feedback can be sent direct to CHSEDMHJHADS@act.gov.au no later than close of business Wednesday 20 July 2022. If you require a longer consultation period, please propose a reasonable time for consideration.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Georgia Ward, Executive Support Officer at georgia.ward@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. McKenzie'.

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