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Dear Mr Jay

RE: Use of Force Procedure and the Provision of Physical Health Care Procedure

The Final report of the Independent Board of Inquiry into the Legislative, Workplace Governance and Clinical Frameworks at the Dhulwa Mental Health Unit in the ACT was presented to the Legislative Assembly on 1 December 2022. The final report can be found [here](#).

The Board of Inquiry made 25 recommendations to improve Dhulwa's legislation, workplace governance and clinical frameworks. As a result, all 25 recommendations were accepted by Canberra Health Services as this will help drive systems change and impact workforce engagement and clinical care at Dhulwa.

As part of the implementation of the recommendations we are inviting feedback on several policies and procedures. All feedback received during the consultation will be considered and will help inform the final policies and procedure.

The Use of Force Procedure and the Provision of Physical Health Care Procedure relates to **Recommendation 4.1**, and it states:

Following confirmation of the Model of Care, to ensure consistency, the policies and procedures relating to clinical and work health and safety management at Dhulwa should be reviewed.

A multidisciplinary group of clinical leaders, consumer and carer representatives have reviewed the draft for that is consultation.

I would like to invite your feedback on the procedure. The consultation process for the Leave Management Procedure will be open until Tuesday 5 September 2023. Please provide any comments via email to peta.kleinig@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. McKenzie', with a small asterisk to the right.

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Mental Health, Justice Health and Alcohol & Drug Services

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