

Mr Andrew Holland Executive Director Australian Salaried Medical Officers Federation - NSW Branch Locked Bag 13 GLEBE NSW 2037

Dear Mr Holland,

## Re: Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Network Strategic Plan 2018-2022

The Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Network (JH&FMHN) delivers health care to adults and young people in contact with the forensic mental health and criminal justice systems, across community, inpatient and custodial settings. JH&FMHN fulfils a valuable role in improving the health status of this highly vulnerable patient population while also minimising the health consequences of incarceration or long term admission on individuals, their families and the general community.

The unique nature of this healthcare setting requires effective collaboration with all of our stakeholders. Partnerships are essential to ensuring greater consistency of policies and practices across jurisdictions and better integration of health and social support services as patients transition between JH&FMHN and community-based or alternative care pathways.

JH&FMHN is in the process of developing a new Strategic Plan that outlines the direction and key priorities for the Network over the next five years. The plan has been developed through extensive internal consultation with the JH&FMHN Board, the Network Executive Team and all staff.

The new Strategic Plan gives consideration to our environmental context, and will also be supported by a Clinical Service Plan and business plans from key domains across the organisation. JH&FMHN's Strategic Plan will also closely align with the key priorities and strategies of the NSW and Commonwealth Governments as well as the NSW Ministry of Health.

As a valued partner, your comments and feedback on the attached draft "Plan on a Page" would be greatly appreciated. During your review, it would be extremely helpful for your organisation to consider the context in which this plan aligns with the goals and objectives of your organisation as well as how the Strategic Directions and related Outcomes apply to our patient population and the identified priorities.

Please send any comments or feedback to Skye Russell, Acting Performance and Planning Officer via <a href="mailto:Skye.Russell@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au">Skye.Russell@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au</a> or 9700 3822 by close of business Friday, 26 May 2017.

Yours sincerely

Gary Forrest

**Chief Executive** 

10 May 2017