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Local Health District

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Attention via email: [kerries@asmof.org.au](mailto:kerries@asmof.org.au)

Dear Dr Karplus

I am writing to advise you that Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District (ISLHD) has commenced a review of the Community Mental Health Service (Adult) Model of Care in line with contemporary and evidence based best practice.

The review process is being led by Associate Professor Peter McGeorge and has included extensive stakeholder consultation over the last 6 weeks. The consultation process has included numerous meetings and forums with staff, newsletter updates and a staff consultation survey.

The aim is to develop a district wide model of care for the management of adult mental health consumers in the community. This will seek to take account of the changing environment and include consideration of the NDIS and greater engagement with our community partner organisations. It is hoped that the model will be finalised by August 2017. I have attached a copy of the Model of Care proposal.

Whilst this review is not considered to have significant effects on employees, ISLHD would like to involve the Association in this process in line with the consultative provisions of the relevant Awards. As such, I am writing to offer you the opportunity to convene a USCC should you wish to discuss the proposed changes.

Please contact Ms Margot Benoit, PA to Director, Mental Health Service on 4295 2413 to arrange a suitable time at your convenience.

You may also respond to the proposed changes in writing to me at [Julie.carter@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Julie.carter@health.nsw.gov.au) within two weeks from the date of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on 4295 2413 if you wish to discuss.

Yours sincerely

**Julie Carter**  
Director, Mental Health Service

Date: 4 July 2017