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Hi Mark

Jason onforwarded your email re: Barrett Adolescent Centre Commission of Inquiry – Request for access to the draft National Mental Health Service Planning Framework.

Thank you for your correspondence on 11 December 2015 seeking access to relevant NMHSPF materials to inform the Barrett Adolescent Centre Commission of Inquiry (the Inquiry) and to discuss in general terms, the NMHSPF.

As background, in mid-2011 the then Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing entered into a funding agreement with the NSW Ministry of Health to develop the NMHSPF. The development of the draft NMHSPF was overseen by an Executive Group, which included representatives from all Australian jurisdictions.

The first phase of the NMHSPF Project was completed in mid-2014 with the Executive Group's advice stating that further refinement, validation, sensitivity analysis and testing of the draft NMHSPF was required prior to distribution for use in real world mental health service planning situations. There are recognised technical issues with this version of the NMHSPF. As per the advice provided by Dr Kingswell to you, the intellectual property for the draft NMHSPF is owned by the NSW Government.

In mid-2015 a time-limited Steering Group was established, under the auspices of the Mental Health Drug and Alcohol Principal Committee (MHDAPC), to provide expert guidance in relation to activities to progress the 'finalisation' of the draft NMHSPF by 30 June 2016. The Steering Group will provide oversight to the design and steer the work programme that completes the steps required to prepare a version of the NMHSPF which is suitable for use in planning at both jurisdictional and sub-jurisdictional levels. The Steering Group is chaired by Ms Krestensen from the Australian Government Department of Health. The technical work to finalise the NMHSPF has been contracted to the Queensland Centre for Mental Health Research at the University of Queensland.

Unfortunately Ms Krestensen will not be available to discuss the NMHSPF with you prior to Christmas. However, we would be pleased to provide further information on the NMHSPF should you have any specific questions.

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