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Dear Ms Colvin

**TREATMENT SUPPORT AND DISCHARGE PLANS ENQUIRY – MENTAL HEALTH
ADVOCACY SERVICE**

Thank you for forwarding a copy of the Mental Health Advocacy Service (MHAS) Treatment Support and Discharge (TSD) Plans Inquiry (March to September 2017) (Inquiry report) to the Mental Health Commissioner, Mr Timothy Marney, on 19 March 2018. I am responding to your email on behalf of the Commissioner.

I note the extensive work undertaken by MHAS in gathering the information regarding TSD planning, and appreciate the effort taken to collate the findings and recommendations. As you will be aware, the findings in the Inquiry report accord with the findings of the recently completed Post-Implementation Review (PIR) of the *Mental Health Act 2014* (the Act) regarding TSD planning. The PIR will be published on the Mental Health Commission website following approval of the PIR by the Minister, the Hon Roger Cook, MLA.

In line with this feedback, I approve the following statement to be published on the MHAS website once the PIR has also been published by the MHC:

The Mental Health Commission (MHC) notes the comprehensive Inquiry undertaken by the Mental Health Advocacy Service in assessing compliance with the Mental Health Act 2014 (the Act) regarding treatment, support and discharge planning. The MHC notes similar findings in the Post-Implementation Review (PIR) of the Act and encourages collaboration between stakeholders as they address the recommendations of both the MHAS Inquiry and the PIR, and continue to improve their treatment, support and discharge planning.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to improving services for those in mental health services. I look forward to seeing the improvements to TSD planning as a result of the Inquiry report.

Yours sincerely

Elaine Paterson
A/COMMISSIONER

11 April 2018