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Dear Colleague

RISK ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT IN DEMENTIA SERVICES – CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED TOOLS

We are writing to seek your views on new tools which are being developed for risk assessment and management in dementia services.

The tools for use in dementia services have been developed following the publication of the 'Promoting Quality Care' guidance on risk assessment and management in mental health services, which was issued in 2009 and updated in 2010.

The 'Promoting Quality Care' guidance sets out a regionally agreed process for risk assessment, where every individual will receive a screening/risk assessment on contact with services, with a further, more in-depth comprehensive assessment (or specialist assessment) as clinically appropriate. The document also set out the elements of working with risk as part of everyday practice, including care planning, review, multi-disciplinary meetings, roles and responsibilities of key workers and care co-ordinators.

Following the implementation of the guidance for mental health, a group was set up to develop regionally agreed risk screening and risk assessment and management tools for dementia services. This group is chaired by Dr. Jim Anderson, Consultant

Psychiatrist within the Older People's Mental Health Service in South Eastern HSC Trust, and included representatives from each of the 5 Trusts and a carer representative. An early draft of these tools underwent a pilot exercise in the Trusts and amendments have been made according to the feedback received in order to refine them. The final draft of the tools has now been developed.

As part of the process of finalising the tools and moving towards their implementation, we would be grateful for your/your organisation's comments on the tools. I have attached a questionnaire for this purpose, together with a copy of the screening and assessment tools, as well as an addendum providing notes for guidance on their completion. A link to the core guidance (Promoting Quality Care) on adult mental health services can be found within the addendum, as well links to other documents which have helped to shape the tools.

If you wish to comment on the proposed tools, please send your completed questionnaires by post, fax or e-mail to:

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Responses must be received by Friday 29 July 2011.

Yours sincerely



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