

WMHNV INFORMATION SHEET: CHIEF PSYCHIATRIST

The Chief Psychiatrist is positioned to oversee several important aspects of Victoria's mental health including:

- Quality improvement and safety within mental health treatment.
- Treatment Guidelines and clinical advice to public mental health services. An example of a Treatment Guideline that is publicly available is 'Promoting sexual safety, responding to sexual activity, and managing allegations of sexual assault in adult acute inpatient units'.
- Clinical practice reviews and investigations into restrictive practices, electroconvulsive therapy (ECT) and sentinel events. An example of this is the publication of findings and recommendations from an audit of inpatient deaths in Victorian public mental health services has been published and relates to 2011 to mid-2014.
- Recommendations and consults about mental health to the Minister and the Secretary.
- Information distribution including education and training and research.

More information about the Chief Psychiatrist is available here:

<https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/about/key-staff/chief-psychiatrist>