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| 6th February 2020 |

Dear Stakeholders

**Invitation to MHCS Open Session – 20th April 2020**

We are planning an MHCS Open Session on the Morning of 20th April 2020 in Southern House, East Croydon.

This Open session will focus on “How MHCS risk assess.” In particular, how the Secretary of State makes decisions on applications made by Restricted Patients using risk assessment techniques.

We will also provide a greater understanding of the Secretary of State’s (SofS) functions under the Mental Health Act (MHA) 1983. This is a specialist and broad topic which often proves challenging and the presenter will endeavour to provide you with a greater understanding of particular sections of the Act namely:

Section 37 Hospital Orders, Section 41 Restriction Orders, Section 47/49 and 48/49 Transfers to prison, Section 45A and 45B Hospital directions.

This session will be led by one of our Senior Management Team members.

This session will be as interactive as possible so you will have an opportunity to ask as many questions as you like.

If you would like to attend please, email: Kalpna.Verma@justice.gov.uk and provide the following information:

* Name
* Role
* Email address
* Organisation you work for
* Region you work in

Any interest must be received by 6th April 2020. A formal letter of invitation will then follow.

Please note attendance is via invitation only, as we only have a limited number of spaces available.

Sincerely Yours



**Ms Kay Verma**

**Business Support Manager**

Mental Health Casework Performance & Support Team