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Dear Stakeholders

**Invitation to MHCS Open Session – 17th November 2020**

We are planning an MHCS Open Session on the afternoon of 17th November 2020. In a shift from traditional methods of delivery this session will be delivered via Microsoft Teams.

The purpose of the MHCS Open Session is to 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: **mhcscpst**[**@justice.gov.uk**](mailto:Kalpna.Verma@justice.gov.uk) and provide the following information:

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

As spaces are limited, any interest must be received by **11th November 2020**. An invitation will then follow.

Sincerely Yours

**George O’ Mahoney**

**Head of Performance and Support**

Mental Health Casework Section