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Memo

To: Officer Board / All Branch Secretaries
From: A Culhane
CC: Des Kavanagh General Secretary, Seamus Murphy Deputy
General Secretary, Declan Breen Industrial Relations Officer
Date: 16/3/2010
Re: **Mental Health Commission MHC**
Consultation on the Mental Health Act 2001

Comments:

The Mental Health Commission has started work on developing a Code of Practice on the Mental Health Act 2001. The Commission carried out a review of the operation of Part 2 of the Mental Health Act 2001 in 2008 and one of the recommendations from this review was to develop a code of practice on the 2001 Act to guide people working in mental health services. A code of practice on the Act would give guidance on the exercise of functions under the 2001 Act. In other words, it would explain how certain parts of the legislation are best put into practice.

The Mental Health Commission has written to the PNA looking for our views. Please find attached the Consultation Questions .We will require all branches to respond within the next **10 days** to info@pna.ie **Friday March 26th**.

Please note a subcommittee will then be formed to draw together the various elements of the submission at which point we will be reverting back to branches. This info will also be available on www.pna.ie