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Dear Colleague

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**THE BAMFORD REVIEW OF MENTAL HEALTH AND LEARNING DISABILITY –
FORENSIC SERVICES REPORT**

I am writing to ask for your comments on the Review's sixth draft report, on forensic services.

Background

I chair the current Review of Mental Health and Learning Disability in Northern Ireland, which commenced in October 2002. The Review is managed by a Steering Committee, which oversees the detailed work of 10 Expert Working Committee, each examining specific areas and issues, on which they will report at various times through to about the summer of 2006.

The attached draft report, endorsed by the Steering Committee, represents the sixth draft report from the Review. It is the result of over a year's work by the Forensic Services Working Committee, convened by Dr Fred Browne. This work has already included informal consultation with stakeholders throughout the process. During consultation the Committee is continuing its work on the implementation process and timetable.

The draft report sets out a new vision for forensic services in Northern Ireland and proposes a range of challenging recommendations for improvement in services, many of which will require inter-sectoral collaboration.

Consultation

We are anxious to hear your views on this draft report and its proposals. In responding, it would be helpful if you linked your comments to specific chapters, paragraphs and recommendations. The document has been issued to a wide range of key interests and stakeholders and has been placed on the Review's website at www.rmhdni.gov.uk.

We would ask for your comments on the report by **Friday 26 May 2006 at the latest**. These should be sent by post, fax or email to Michael Kelly at the above address or by email to Michael.Kelly3@dhsspsni.gov.uk.

We look forward to receiving your views, which will be considered in finalising this report.

Yours sincerely



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