
Improving Sexual Safety Faculty

A guide

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The Royal Commission into Victoria's mental health system recommended that Safer Care Victoria establish the Mental Health Improvement Unit. As per recommendation 52, the Mental Health Improvement Unit will collaborate with individuals with a lived experience of mental ill health and workforce, providing leadership and awareness in the improvement of service quality and safety of services. Additionally, the Royal Commission stated, in point 3.3 of the final summary, that Safer Care Victoria's Mental Health Improvement Unit focuses on *"on tackling the unacceptable rate of gender-based violence, particularly in inpatient settings"*. To partner with the project team, an Improving Sexual Safety Faculty will be established to provide subject matter expertise that promotes sexual safety for all within mental health inpatient units.

Why we are partnering

Goal and outcomes

The goal of the Improving Sexual Safety Faculty is to partner with the project team, providing subject matter expertise through clinical, academic or lived experiences.

The faculty will:

- Provide advice and expertise to navigate the improvement work ensuring the project promotes the health and wellbeing of consumers, carers and workforce by engaging in the designing and planning of improvement of sexual safety with inpatient units.
- Partake in fortnightly meetings to discuss project elements and direction.
- Act as champions and leaders, supporting and promoting the 'Improving Sexual Safety within Victorian Mental Health Inpatient Units' initiative where relevant.
- Membership to the faculty is through a recruitment process and currently has a duration of 18 - 24 months with the possibility of continuation.

The desired outcome of the faculty is to ensure the voice of the consumer, carer/family/supporters and workforce is significantly privileged in partnering in the work to improve sexual safety.

Recruitment

How to apply

To apply please email your application to kellie.griffin@safecare.vic.gov.au include 'Improving Sexual Safety Faculty – Application' in the subject line, attach a completed application form and a one-page resume by Monday 6 March 2023. Only applicants who proceed to interview stage will be contacted.

Remuneration

Remuneration rates are offered for individuals not employed within a mental health service. For individuals employed within a mental health service, or similarly, remuneration will be provided only at time where attendance is required outside of rostered hours.

Ways of working

It is expected that faculty members respectfully collaborate with fellow members (including consumers, carers/family/support person, clinical and non-clinical staff, and academics), ensuring a safe environment for the sharing of diverse views and experiences

Due to the emotional nature of the topic covered in this project it is expected faculty members will demonstrate their own wellbeing strategies to actively partake in conversations relating to sexual safety.