



## COMMISSIONER'S INSTRUCTION 04/2020

### Temporary amendments to at-risk processes

Due to Canberra Health Services staffing arrangements during the COVID-19 public health emergency, the following temporary amendments to processes under the *Management of At-Risk Detainees Policy* will apply.

Following a referral to Custodial Mental Health Services (CMHS) under section 8.4 of the *Management of At-Risk Detainees Policy*, and within two (2) hours, CMHS will:

- a. Contact the Area Supervisor to seek further information if required;
- b. Triage the referral and determine the appropriate response time required for formal assessment; and
- c. Provide written notification of assessment timeframe and interim observation recommendations via reply email to referral.

A detainee will remain on constant observations until CMHS have provided advice regarding recommended observations and assessment timeframe.

Triaged Assessment Timeframe	Recommended Observations
Assessment timeframe within two (2) hours	Continue constant observations
Assessment timeframe greater than two (2) hours	60-minute observations

Following assessment, CMHS will:

- a) Provide a D30.F2: Interim Risk Management Plan; and
- b) Remove or update the detainee's **S**: Suicide or Self-Harm or **P**: Psychiatric alert.
- c) Discuss the IRMP at the High Risk Assessment Team meeting

This instruction will be reviewed in August 2020.



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