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Dear Clare

I am writing to you on behalf of the Public Service Association of NSW.

The Community Services Psychologist Advisory Group (PSACSPAG) met recently and they have identified a number of issues that need attention.

In considering the views of field psychologists the most prominent issues are as follows:

- Role Descriptions. We request that consultation occur with the PSA prior to the current revision and review of the role descriptions being finalised.
- Consultation occur regarding the implications of therapeutic teams on psychological Services.
- Psychological Services Annual Conference. It has been reported that because of financial constraints and other costs such as new psychometric measures and travel expenses the conference will not be held this year. Northern and Western psychologists have reportedly depended on the conference to meet CDP requirements. Further this conference is the only opportunity all psychologists have to meet together for ongoing professional development.
- Psychological Services establishment. We request a copy of the establishment as agreed by the previous Director Psychological Services.
- Psychologist survey. The PSA conducted a survey of psychologists in 2016 which identified their main concerns. If you do not have a copy I would be pleased to supply that to you.

The PSA seeks a meeting with you at your earliest convenience to discuss these and other issues. I am confident we can progress these issues by a constructive meeting including psychologist Charlie Gangemi, Belal Ali, Debbie Irons and David Spencer who all hold positions on the executive of the PSACPAG.

Yours faithfully

Robin Croon
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