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Subject Section 95AA Guidelines [No Protective Marking]

Dear Vesna,

I have reviewed the guidelines and am happy for them to go forward with two comments only.

1. I think David Shaw raises an important point, namely whether the medical practitioner should be obliged to notify the patient that disclosure will proceed without their consent. On balance these circumstances will be rare indeed. I am happy for the guidelines to remain in their current form.
2. There was much discussion and some criticism that the guidelines were very long. The summary framework flow-chart on page 5 is very helpful. I wonder whether that flow-chart could be included in part A, page v in place of the current statement of the guidelines or in addition.

Again, this is a suggestion only and the current framework and layout is satisfactory.

With kindest regards,

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