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- The AMHP must then complete their full (or final) report within 2 hours of completing their assessment (or by the end of their shift if they are an out of hours worker) and again distribute this to the receiving Ward (if relevant), the Mental Health Legislation office, General Practitioner, Care Co-ordinator, the Medics involved in the assessment and the AMHP Lead within 72 hours.

There may be rare occasions when the standard of 72 hours for distributing the Report cannot be met, for example when the AMHP cannot determine which GP surgery the person is registered with. In such circumstances, AMHPs have dedicated business support assistance to expedite the matter.

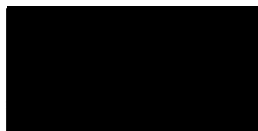
We are actively engaging with Dorset Healthcare Trust to agree the necessary amendments to the Pan-Dorset Standard Operating Procedure. We are of the view that the Standard Operating Procedure standard for distributing information is too slow and we will continue to apply the requirement of 72 hours.

We are also in the process of discussing with AMHP's how they could succinctly share information with GP's, and in particular highlighting that information which is of most immediate relevant to them.

It is worth noting that the reason we required AMHP's to send the AMHP Lead a copy of their final report is to carry out a Quality Assurance check which provides assurance that standards, including timescales, are being met.

I hope that this letter gives you reassurance about our procedures and would invite you to let me know if you have any further concerns regarding our policies and practices.

Yours sincerely



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