

Appendix A- Personal Health Information (PHI) Disclosure Due to Risk of Serious Harm Algorithm

Key Points:

- 1.1. Disclosure of PHI is not mandatory. Disclosure may be required to occur to other agencies as required by legislation i.e. Police Services, minors etc. and existing RHA/SDO policies should be followed.
- 1.2. The Psychiatric Medical Director of the Psychiatric Facility under the Mental Health Act may be the trustee/health professional disclosing.
- 1.3. That individuals seeking health services are encouraged and supported to provide consent to disclose PHI when there is an assessed risk of serious harm to the individual and/or public safety.
- 1.4. To provide trustees/health professionals guidance in situations where a risk of serious harm has been identified through assessment and the individual does not consent to the disclosure of relevant PHI to mitigate this risk.
- 1.5. To support and enable appropriate, timely disclosure of PHI without consent when necessary to lessen the risk of serious harm to an individual and/or public safety.
- 1.6. To reinforce the importance and necessity of trustees/health professionals to document all assessments (clinical), discussions/engagement with an individual and others, as well as any disclosures or actions undertaken related to an individual's risk of serious harm.

