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Chief Executives, HSS Boards  
Chief Executives, HSS Trusts, for cascade to:

- Directors of Mental Health
- Directors of Nursing
- Directors of Social Services
- CSCG leads
- Other staff as appropriate

Chief Executive, Health Promotion Agency

Chief Executive, RQIA, for cascade to:

- Independent healthcare organisations as appropriate

Chief Executive, Mental Health Commission

Dear Colleague,

**Re: National Confidential Inquiry into Suicide and Homicide by People with  
Mental Illness: Lessons for Mental Health Care in Scotland**

**For information:**

In June 2008, the National Confidential Inquiry into Suicide and Homicide by People with Mental Illness reported on lessons for mental health care in Scotland.

Although specific to Scotland, the report's findings and recommendations will be of interest to those involved in the provision and delivery of mental health services in Northern Ireland. I should be grateful therefore if you would bring this document to the attention of all relevant staff within your organisation.

The report's key findings and recommendations centre on the following areas:

- Training and services for the management of drug and alcohol misuse
- Community mental health services
- Supervision of patients recently admitted to hospital
- Care following hospital discharge
- Mental health services for young people
- Co-ordinated risk assessment and management

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The report can be accessed at

[http://www.medicine.manchester.ac.uk/suicideprevention/nci/information\\_sharing/scotland\\_full\\_report.pdf](http://www.medicine.manchester.ac.uk/suicideprevention/nci/information_sharing/scotland_full_report.pdf)

Yours sincerely



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