

**Recovery Colleges Expert Panel
Meeting 8 – 7 August 2018
Communique**

On Tuesday 7 August 2018 the Recovery College Expert Panel (Panel) met for their eighth meeting at the Mental Health Commission (MHC).

The Panel continued to make the final refinements to the Draft Model of Service. As part of the second round of consultation, the Draft Model of Service will be released for public comment for a period of approximately two weeks. Feedback on the Draft Model of Service can be provided via the MHC's telephone and online survey process. Details will be uploaded to the MHC's website in due course.

Feedback received as part of this second stage process will then be considered by the Panel in the development of the final Model of Service in September 2018.

The Panel also reviewed and continued to refine the Recovery College Objectives that would be incorporated into the Business Case. These are outlined in the Draft Model of Service.

These objectives form the first tier in the suite of measures that will be designed to evaluate the service. Once the objectives have been approved, service outputs and outcome measures will also be developed. The proposed Recovery College Objectives agreed by the Panel which are to be submitted to the MHC for consideration were as follows:

1. promote awareness of personal recovery amongst students;
2. increased involvement of students within their communities, and in social and support networks; and
3. increased sense of wellbeing for students.

It should be noted that the objectives will need to be endorsed by the Department of Treasury and the appointed service provider.

The next Panel meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 11 September 2018.