



**National Mental Health**  
Development Unit

3rd Floor, Wellington House  
133-155 Waterloo Rd  
London  
SE1 8UG

8<sup>TH</sup> January 2010

Dear Colleague,

### **SURVEY OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSIONING WORKFORCE**

The NMHDU Mental Health Commissioning Programme aims to support the development of the mental health commissioning workforce in the NHS and Local Authority sectors and to complement work on learning and development plans as part of World Class Commissioning. The programme is sponsored by DH.

You may remember that we sought your help earlier this year to facilitate the distribution of a survey to the mental health commissioning workforce. The purpose of the survey was to obtain a baseline profile of the national mental health commissioning workforce.

The survey was the first of its kind in England and was completed by almost 200 mental health commissioners across the country. It has highlighted some key messages, these are summarised in the Executive Summary, with further detail in the main body of the report.

I am pleased to be able to share the final report with you and hope that you will be able to take some time to consider the findings in relation to your own local planning and development.

Joanne Peryer undertook this survey on behalf of the NMHDU and has indicated that she would be willing to undertake additional work for any SHA who would like to understand its data in further detail. This could potentially include follow up questions to participants or further analysis work. If you would like to pursue this further then please contact her directly by email at [joanne.peryer@tsorg.freeseve.co.uk](mailto:joanne.peryer@tsorg.freeseve.co.uk)

Finally, may I thank you for your help in conducting the survey.

Yours sincerely

Kieron Murphy

National Programme Director  
NMHDU World Class Commissioning Mental Health Programme