Hello Vesna

I have now read the document and have two issues which I would like to raise.

I am sure that these issues have been discussed at some length but they still need to be addressed had

Section 3.2.4 Page 20

"If disclosure without consent is to take place, the authorising medical practitioner should consider notifying the patient of this decision"

Even thought I recognise the recognise the potential conflict with the patient in notifying the decision I would have thought it was necessary to notify for privacy reasons and because the patient will undoubtedly find out at some point and cause even greater issues between doctor and patient.

I suggest that this should to always notify the patient.

This applies also in other guidelines/scenarios where disclosure without consent is to take place e.g. 3.3.1

Section 3.3.1 Page 22

"Not all people who have been contacted will respond. Repeated attempts should not be made to contact non-responders because they may have made a choice not to seek further information."

In this case it is not clear if the person has actually received the letter of contact. If we are not sure then surely the doctor should make repeated attempts to contact the person to ensure that the person has the information on which to make a choice.

Perhaps the letter could have tear off slip to acknowledge receipt and advise their position.

If the contact has been made and confirmed then no follow up is required - is this the what is meant

Regards

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