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Dear Dr Mundy,

Re: NLAP Review, evidence about legal assistance outcomes beyond access to justice

It was good to meet with you in July to hear your priorities for the NLAP Review and explore areas in which Health Justice Australia can assist.

As we discussed, I am pleased to share with you an annotated bibliography of evidence that addresses some of the Review's key priorities. This resource is also informed by priorities I have discussed with the Attorney-General.

This evidence is drawn from a combination of our own research and our analysis of others. It speaks to key questions including:

- What do we know already and what else do we need to know about unmet legal need? How does legal need intersect with other, particularly health and social, problems?
- What is the value of addressing legal need beyond the justice frame?
- How can partnership or integrated approaches improve service responses and contribute to better outcomes for people facing complex legal need?

We have included a number of our forthcoming publications which will be published in the coming months. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you wish to review any of these.

We also discussed the inclusion within the terms of reference of sectors and service streams that interact with legal assistance sectors. As you know, the contribution of legal assistance to outcomes and in service settings beyond justice is a particular focus of ours. I welcome your interest in Health Justice Australia using our relationships and convening capability to bring together a group of health and social service practitioners and researchers to inform you and the Review's understanding of the value of legal assistance as perceived by those working outside of the justice system. We propose to convene this in Melbourne at a point in time that best serves the review; ideally with 4 weeks notice for scheduling purposes.

My office will follow up with the Review team over the next couple of weeks to progress this.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Tessa Boyd-Caine, CEO

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Attachment: Annotated Bibliography, Health Justice Australia resource for the NLAP Review