

Part 1: Workshop discussions 6th November Pilots/Peers and Regulators/AMEs

Why don't pilots trust doctors?

Consensus:

1. FEAR
2. UNCERTAINTY (STANDARDISATION)
3. LOSS OF CONTROL
4. (IN)COMPETENCE
5. TRAUMA / CONSEQUENCES

Individual:

5. DEHUMANISED (p)
6. COMMUNICATION FAILURE (d)

Part 2: Regulators Meeting 4th November – Recommendations

1. Peer Support Programs (PSPs) and Regulators should establish relationships with the intent to collaborate on developing shared policies and processes.

2. Regulators and PSPs should collaborate on setting expectations for risk assessment and reporting where risk is elevated.

3. Regulators should develop high-level guidelines for PSP training and competencies that are required for those peers who are involved in risk assessment / certification processes.

4. Regulators should ensure AMEs are provided with training and professional development (currency) in mental health matters and aeromedical risk assessment processes, including verification of their competency.

5. Regulators should develop guidance materials for AMEs to use in mental health evaluation and aeromedical risk assessment.

6. Regulators should explore opportunities to include preventive health activities and wellbeing considerations in the medical examination and the medical (risk) assessment process.

8. Regulators should be empowered and supported by ICAO to implement the recommendations listed in this paper through appropriate Standards, Recommended Practices, guidance material (published in the Manual of Civil Aviation Medicine) and resource allocation for State support programs where necessary.

