



## National Policy on Adult Safeguarding in the Health Sector Department of Health Progress Report to Steering Group 27 March 2019

### Progress since previous meeting – 13 February 2019

- Follow-up actions re 1<sup>st</sup> Steering Group meeting (13 Feb) incl:
  - Draft policy content post mtg 1 (*Principles, Scope, Objectives*) circulated to SG
  - Discussion paper for mtg 2 (*Definitions*) prepared and circulated to SG.
  - Arranged for HIQA & UCD to make presentations to mtg 2 on evidence base issues
  - Arranged for DOH Research Support Unit to attend evidence base presentations
  - Draft proposal on module topics for Steering Group meetings submitted to Chair
  - Conflicts of interest policy/declarations – COI register file opened in DOH.
- Meeting arranged (8 April) with Law Reform Commission on likely project on adult safeguarding in LRC's upcoming Fifth Programme.
- Service user focus group research project (consultation with most affected stakeholders):
  - Ongoing liaison with Institute of Public Health. Research proposal / methodology & related documentation largely drafted – to be submitted shortly by IPH to Ethics Committee.
  - Draft Ethics Committee Terms of Reference finalised (in liaison with DOH RSU)
  - Ethics Committee established (expected to meet in April):
    - Chair:  
*Prof David Smith* RSCI (Associate Professor of Healthcare Ethics / Programme Director MSC in Healthcare Ethics and Law);
    - Members:  
*Dr Fiona Keogh* NUIG (Centre for Economic and Social Research in Dementia); *Dr Éilish Burke* TCD (Ussher Assistant Professor in Ageing and Intellectual Disability); *Dr Sarah Craig* HRB (Head of National Health Information Systems);  
*Dr Jane McEvoy* St John of God Hospitaller Services Group (Research Department)
- Liaised with DOH Press Office in preparation for web-publication of agreed material re DOH safeguarding policy development (to be discussed at meeting 2).
- Contributed to D/Taoiseach mapping exercise re inter-agency cooperation arrangements relevant to the Commission on the Future of Policing Action Plan 2019