

Minutes of Management Board Meeting held on 12th September 2016

Attendance: Secretary General (Fergal Lynch), Liz Canavan, Bernie McNally, Michelle Shannon and Dermot Ryan. Clare Rudden reporting.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 5th September 2016 were agreed.

2. Matters Arising

All matters arising were discussed as part of brief updates.

3. Brief Updates

LC gave updates on: (i) Divisional Meeting regarding Statement of Strategy [Issues raised], (ii) BOBF Sponsors Meeting [13 Sept], (iii) QCBI, (iv) Current Tusla Court Case, (v) Cabinet Committee on Social Policy, (vi) Dublin Inner City [NCI], (vii) Child Summit, and (viii) Meeting with Dr. Tony Holohan [Child Specialist Post].

MS gave updates on: (i) Adoption [Information and Tracing], (ii) Commission of Investigation [Mother and Baby Homes], (iii) Oberstown [Issues and Industrial Action], (iv) Schools [Legal Cases], (v) Bail Supervision Scheme, and (vi) Meeting with Minister of State David Stanton.

DR gave updates on: (i) Unallocated Cases, (ii) Estimates [Tusla], (iii) Tusla Capital, (iv) Ministerial visit to Crannog Nua, (v) NCCIS Steering Meeting [13 Sept], (vi) Workforce Planning, (vii) New Discipline Code [Training], (viii) Finance Unit meeting with Audit Committee, and (ix) Meeting with AHCPS re accommodation issues.

- Workforce Planning – Note to be circulated to MB today.

BM gave updates on: (i) Single Affordable Childcare Scheme, (ii) Contact from Low Pay Commission [Early Years Sector], (iii) Survey of Early Years Sector & Early Years Forum, (iv) Pobal, (v) DES Ministerial Meeting, (vi) School Age Childcare Report, (vii) Estimates, (viii) DEIS Review, (ix) Advance Notice of Report due to be published, (x) Foroige, (xi) Obesity Strategy, (xii) Poverty Truth Commission, (xiii) BOBF Indicator Set, and (xiv) Statistician Post.

- Advance Notice of Report due to be published – BM will prepare note for the Minister.

4. Finalised National Indicator Set for BOBF

Claire Finn and Clare Farrell attended the meeting for this item and presented on the document circulated in advance of the meeting. The purpose of the indicator set is to act as a barometer of progress on the five national outcomes in Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures (BOBF) and to inform future policy development. An overview was given of the development of the BOBF indicator set and a draft of the finalised list of indicator areas and associated indicators under each BOBF outcome. MB members were asked to review the indicator set and to give any feedback they may have. It was agreed that the set will be circulated to POs and to the Minister this week for any final comments in advance of the Children and Young People's Policy Consortium on 29 September. FL thanked the team for their work to date on this project.

5. SG/CEO Tusla Meeting

FL circulated an email to MB members in advance of the meeting outlining the main topics discussed. FL advised he will circulate a paper to the MB on Tusla Organisation Structure received from the CEO. It was noted that the CEO has been invited to speak at the upcoming Cabinet Committee on Social Policy and Public Service Reform regarding unallocated cases.

6. Minister/MB Meeting of 7 September

MB members discussed the recent meeting and issues which arose following it. The need for regular communication with both the Minister and her advisors was noted and it was agreed that a regular day and time should be allocated for Min/MB meetings.

7. For Noting

- (i) Submissions – To be kept updated. CR will follow up with the Minister’s office.
- (ii) FOI Report – To be kept updated. CR will follow up with CCGU.
- (iii) Communications – Oral PQ date TBC. CR to follow up.

8. AOB

The OCO Investigation of Complaints Report for 2015 was noted.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 20th September at 11.00a.m.