

NIMC Minutes 20 January 2023 11am – 1pm

Microsoft Teams VC Platform

Attendees:

Members: Mr Ian Power (Acting Chair), Ms Roisin Clarke, Ms Aisling Culhane, Ms Kerry Cuskelly, Mr Maurice Dillon, Dr Joseph Duffy, Prof Daniel Flynn, Ms Siobhán Hargis, Mr John Meehan, Prof Siobhan MacHale, Ms Kelly Mofflin, Dr Amir Niazi, Dr Brian Osborne, Mr Jim Ryan, Mr Michael Ryan.

Apologies: Mr John Saunders (Chair), Dr AnnMarie Waldron.

In attendance: Dr Philip Dodd (DoH Mental Health Unit), Ms Áine Driscoll (DoH Mental Health Unit), Ms Niamh O'Malley (DoH Mental Health Unit), Mr Derek Chambers (HSE Implementation Group).

1. Acting Chair

- Mr Power informed the NIMC he would substitute as Chair in the absence of Mr Saunders.

2. Minutes of previous NIMC Meeting 16 December 2022

- Minutes were approved (Prof. Flynn proposed and Ms Clarke seconded) with no matters arising.
- **Action: Secretariat to publish Minutes on DoH Website.**

3. Chair's Update

- Mr Power advised that the Chair would be holding an End-of-Year Roundtable with the Chairs of the Specialist Groups, Chair of the Reference Group, and Secretariats of the NIMC and HIG on 26 January.
- Mr Power thanked the Committee for their commentary in relation to the letter from Paediatric Liaison Psychiatry (PLP) in Children's Health Ireland and noted that the response issued in relation to this letter had been circulated to the Committee.
- Mr Power notified the Committee that the Chair and Secretariat are liaising with Minister Butler's office to schedule a meeting to update Minister Butler on NIMC progress.
- Mr Power advised that the Chair and Secretariat were reviewing the regular agenda item on Committee Engagement and would canvas Committee members for their views at the February meeting of NIMC.
- Mr Power invited Dr Dodd to update on the recently announced National Population Mental Health and Mental Health Research and Evaluation Strategy.
 - Dr Dodd outlined that the Health Research Board (HRB) are establishing an Expert Advisory Group to develop the Research and Evaluation Strategy and an associated Implementation Plan, in line with recommendation 93 of StV.
 - Dr Dodd advised that funding was also announced for 5 research projects aligned with StV.

4. Acute Bed Capacity Specialist Group Interim Report

- Mr J Ryan presented the Acute Bed Capacity Specialist Group's interim report. This interim report examined the current provision of acute inpatient beds for mental health.
- The Committee commended the Specialist Group for their work to date noting the challenges in relation to acute bed capacity, including allocating public beds versus private beds, the differing needs of patients, accessing and availability of CAMHS beds, access to quality data across acute/community/forensic services, and staffing issues. The potential to engage with HRB for relevant research and the opportunity that Regional Health Area (RHA)

implementation may allow for uniformity on reporting systems and data collection were raised.

- Mr J Ryan advised the group that the Committee feedback would be considered by the Specialist Group for the next iteration of the report, along with the impact of the reconfiguration of the HSE into RHAs and medium- and longer-term capital planning.
- **Action: Secretariat to circulate slides.**
- **Action: NIMC members to provide feedback on Acute Bed Capacity interim report to the NIMC Secretariat for sharing with Mr J Ryan.**
- **Action: Mr J Ryan to present verbal update on the timelines for the Acute Bed Capacity final report at the February meeting.**

5. Proposed NIMC Agenda for 2023

- Dr Dodd presented a proposed NIMC Agenda for 2023 which had been compiled by HIG and NIMC Secretariats.
- The Committee welcomed the approach noting the potential to apply greater focus on specific issues, and the opportunity for enhanced engagement with workstreams and stakeholder groups.
- Mr Meehan suggested the Planning Group would present to NIMC after March.
- Mr M Ryan sought the opportunity to present on the Recovery and Engagement workstream to NIMC at a future meeting.
- Mr Power suggested that as per the previous year the August meeting be reduced to 1 hour focusing only on the Q2 report.
- Dr Duffy requested that the Meeting Pack be circulated as early as possible to enable members to have sufficient time to review documentation.
- **Action: NIMC members to provide further written feedback on the Proposed Agenda for 2023 to the NIMC Secretariat.**
- **Action: NIMC Secretariat to incorporate the recommended changes into the Proposed Agenda for 2023.**
- **Action: Secretariat to discuss lead times for circulation of the Meeting Pack with the Chair.**

6. Proposed Workforce Planning and Recruitment Report

- Dr Dodd presented a draft proposed workforce planning and recruitment report for presentation to NIMC on a quarterly basis, reflective of the data and performance reporting requests from NIMC.
- The Committee approved the proposed report and discussed the importance of a central repository for recruitment data, suggesting that data also be included for temporarily vacant posts due to maternity leave, sick leave, etc., data related to specific recruitment initiatives would feature, and data related to GP recruitment and retention.
- **Action: Secretariat to liaise with DoH & HSE to develop the workforce planning and recruitment quarterly report, reflective of the approved proposed report.**

7. Launch of Final Report of Women's Mental Health Specialist Group

- Prof MacHale thanked the Committee for their contributions to the final report and set out the proposed launch plan for the report during Women's Health Week (6th-10th March), with further opportunities to disseminate at future relevant StV engagement events (March -May, 2023).
- Prof MacHale advised that the Women's Health Taskforce were funding the design and publication of the report and it would combine the style of StV publications and Women's Health Taskforce publications. Mr Power welcomed the support of the Women's Health Taskforce.

- The Committee commended and approved the proposed launch and observed it was positive to have events highlighting the important work being carried out. The final report was approved (Prof MacHale proposed and Mr Meehan seconded).
- **Action: Secretariat to liaise with Women’s Health Taskforce and DoH Press Office regarding the report launch.**

8. AOB

- The Committee were reminded that the 24 February meeting will be conducted in person with an online option for those unable to attend in person.

Actions Arising from the Meeting

No.	Action	Responsibility	Timeframe
1	Publish Minutes on DoH Website.	Secretariat	24.02.2023
2	Secretariat to circulate slides from Acute Bed Capacity Specialist Group presentation.	Secretariat	24.02.2023
3	NIMC members to provide feedback on Acute Bed Capacity interim report to the NIMC Secretariat for sharing with Mr J Ryan.	NIMC Members	03.02.2023
4	Mr J Ryan to present verbal update on the timelines for the Acute Bed Capacity final report at the February meeting.	Mr J Ryan	24.02.2023
5	NIMC members to provide further written feedback on the Proposed Agenda for 2023 to the NIMC Secretariat.	NIMC Members	27.01.2023
6	NIMC Secretariat to incorporate the recommended changes into the Proposed Agenda for 2023.	Secretariat	24.02.2023
7	Secretariat to discuss lead times for circulation of the Meeting Pack with the Chair.	Secretariat	24.02.2023
8	Secretariat to liaise with DoH & HSE to develop the workforce planning and recruitment quarterly report, reflective of the approved proposed report.	Secretariat	Ongoing
9	Secretariat to liaise with Women’s Health Taskforce and DoH Press Office regarding the report launch.	Secretariat	24.02.2023