

## NIMC Minutes 24 February 2023 11am – 1pm

### Blended Meeting – Department of Health, Miesian Plaza and Microsoft Teams VC Platform

#### Attendees:

**Members:** Mr John Saunders (Chair), Ms Roisin Clarke, Ms Aisling Culhane (attended remotely<sup>1</sup>), Ms Kerry Cuskelly, Mr Maurice Dillon, Dr Joseph Duffy, Prof Daniel Flynn (attended remotely), Ms Siobhán Hargis, Prof Siobhan MacHale, Mr John Meehan, Ms Kelly Mofflin, Dr Brian Osborne (attended remotely), Mr Ian Power, Mr Jim Ryan (attended remotely), Mr Michael Ryan (attended remotely), Dr AnnMarie Waldron.

**Apologies:** Dr Amir Niazi.

**In attendance:** Mr Derek Chambers (HSE Implementation Group) (attended remotely), Dr Philip Dodd (DoH Mental Health Unit), Ms Áine Driscoll (DoH Mental Health Unit), Ms Niamh O'Malley (DoH Mental Health Unit), Ms Sharon Lane (Reference Group) attended for agenda item 3, Ms Nicola Byrne (Reference Group) attended for agenda item 3, Dr Mark Smyth (Youth Mental Health Transitions Specialist Group Chair) attended for agenda item 4, Ms Eimear Kealy (Youth Mental Health Transitions Specialist Group) attended for agenda item 4.

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1. Minutes of previous NIMC Meeting 20 January 2023
    - Minutes were approved (Prof MacHale proposed and Dr Duffy seconded) with no matters arising.
    - **Action: Secretariat to publish Minutes on DoH Website.**
  2. Chair's Update
    - Chair referred to the Mental Health Commission's Interim Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) Report published on 23 January, with the Final Report due in May, and noted the Inspector of Mental Health Services commentary contained in the Interim Report with regards to StV outcomes relating to the provision of mental health services for children. Chair proposed an update at the March meeting on the implementation progress of CAMHS related recommendations.
    - Chair's meeting with Minister Butler on 26 January covered the Q3 Implementation Status Report and Chair raised with the Minister that recruitment and particularly supply side issues such as skills and higher education places require a cross-governmental approach.
    - Chair noted the upcoming launch on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 of *What Women Said/What Women Want*, a report covering women's perspectives on mental health services, and the mental health impact of menopause. Mr M Ryan advised this report was co-produced by HSE Mental Health Engagement and Recovery in conjunction with Ms Clarke and Mental Health Reform.
    - Chair observed that the Women's Mental Health Report publication is now to be covered by way of a press release, rather than an in-person event, during Women's Health Week (6 – 10 March).
    - Chair noted that Mr Chambers would update the Committee later in the meeting on the StV Stakeholder Event scheduled for 23 March.
    - Chair requested Mr J Ryan to update Committee on next steps in relation to the Acute Bed Capacity Report at the March meeting.
    - Chair advised he had received a letter from Dr Lorcan Martin, the new president of the College of Psychiatrists of Ireland, offering continued support on the implementation of StV.

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<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise stated, attendees were present in-person.

- Chair referenced an invitation to speak about advocacy, rights and creating change in mental health at a seminar being organised by the Critical Voices Network, University College Cork. Proposed Mr Power would attend to deliver the Spunout perspective. Dr Waldron and Mr Chambers also expressed an interest in attending.
  - **Action: NIMC/HIG Secretariats to present update on the implementation progress of CAMHS related recommendations at March meeting.**
  - **Action: Mr J Ryan to provide verbal update on next steps for the Acute Bed Capacity Report at March Meeting.**
  - **Action: Chair to respond to Dr Lorcan Martin's letter.**
3. Sharing the Vision Policy Implementation Status Report Q4 2022
- Mr Chambers presented the Implementation Status Report Q4 2022, with input from Dr Dodd. This report focussed on Domain 2 (Part I) Service Access, Coordination, and Continuity of Care.
  - Ms Lane and Ms Byrne presented the Reference Group Feedback.
  - The Committee discussed the Report and welcomed the domain focussed approach of this report, noting the potential to apply greater focus on specific issues, and the opportunity for enhanced engagement between workstreams and stakeholder groups.
  - Mr Chambers and Dr Osborne acknowledged Mr Poul Walsh Olesen's (Senior Project Manager, Mental Health Operations, HSE) contribution to the Primary Care Workstream.
  - The Committee discussed the Reference Group Feedback with regards recommendations *not yet started*, inclusivity and binary language in terms of gender, communication of feedback to implementation leads, and opportunities to enhance the quality of the feedback and communications between the Reference Group and the workstreams. The Reference Group Feedback was again welcomed as valuable input.
  - The Reference Group raised a query as to whether it would be permissible to change the Terms of Reference to allow two additional members in order to broaden the Group's perspective. The Chair confirmed that it was in order to propose an amendment to the Terms of Reference.
  - Mr Chambers presented an outline of the StV Stakeholder Engagement Event scheduled for 23 March and extended an invitation to NIMC members and the Reference Group.
  - **Action: HIG Secretariat to present update on recommendations with status of *Not Started, Paused, or Major Delivery Issue*, with specific focus on short term recommendations, at the March meeting.**
  - **Action: NIMC and HIG Secretariats to facilitate a meeting between the workstream leads and the Reference Group to look at enhancing the engagement process between the HIG workstream leads and the Reference Group.**
  - **Action: NIMC Secretariat to engage with Reference Group Secretariat to prepare an updated terms of reference for the Reference Group to reflect recent discussions.**
4. Additional Agenda Item: Case Review
- Chair facilitated Prof MacHale's request to raise specific challenges associated with an anonymised case in the mental health services.
  - Chair noted that it was useful for the Committee to be aware of such challenges to ground the policy implementation monitoring work in the realities of everyday service provision.
5. Feedback from End of Year Roundtable Meeting and Committee Engagement Review
- Chair proposed that these agenda items would be addressed by way of correspondence due to time constraints and this was agreed by the Committee.
  - **Action: Secretariat to circulate material relating to End of Year Roundtable Meeting and Committee Engagement Review.**

6. Youth Mental Health Transitions (YMHT) Specialist Group Update
  - Dr Smyth presented the draft Enhanced Transition Recommendations and Implementation Plan prepared by YMHT Specialist Group – Workstream 1.
  - The Committee acknowledged the work undertaken to date and discussed the approach with regards to the role of the Transitions Co-ordinator, the importance of communications between CAMHS and Adult Mental Health Service (AMHS), the challenges associated with the introduction of complex change, the future organisational change from CHOs to Regional Health Areas (RHAs), and the importance of leadership and management support.
  - The Committee approved the structure and content of the outline report and its launch at the StV Stakeholder Engagement Event on 23 March.
  
7. Process for Agreeing Recommendation Completed
  - Dr Dodd introduced the rationale for the Recommendation Completed process and Mr Chambers presented a stepwise quality assurance approach for closing recommendations noting that closed recommendations would still be included in the overall list of recommendations presented in the quarterly Policy Status Implementation Reports.
  - The Committee welcomed and agreed with the proposed approach.
  - **Action: HIG and NIMC Secretariats to proceed with quality assurance process for closing recommendations.**
  
8. AOB
  - Chair noted it would be Ms Roisin Clarke’s final meeting due to the impending return of Ms Fiona Coyle and thanked Ms Clarke for her valuable contribution to the Committee.
  - The Committee was reminded that the next meeting will be held on 24 March online.

#### **Actions Arising from the Meeting**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>
1	Publish Minutes on DoH Website.	Secretariat	24.03.2023
2	NIMC Secretariat to present update on the implementation progress of CAMHS related recommendations at March meeting.	Secretariat	24.03.2023
3	Verbal update on next steps for the Acute Bed Capacity Report.	Mr J. Ryan	24.03.2023
4	Issue response to Dr Lorcan Martin’s letter.	Chair	24.03.2023
5	Present update on recommendations with status of <i>Not Started, Paused, or Major Delivery Issue</i> , with specific focus on short term recommendations.	HIG Secretariat	24.03.2023
6	Facilitate a meeting between the workstream leads and the Reference Group to examine enhancing the engagement process between the HIG workstream leads and the Reference Group.	HIG and NIMC Secretariats	24.03.2023
7	Engage with Reference Group Secretariat to prepare an updated terms of reference for the Reference Group to reflect recent discussions.	NIMC Secretariat	24.03.2023
8	Circulate material relating to End of Year Roundtable Meeting and Committee Engagement Review.	Secretariat	03.03.2023
9	Proceed with quality assurance process for closing recommendations.	HIG and NIMC Secretariats	Ongoing