

## NIMC Minutes 19 May 2023 11am – 1pm

### Microsoft Teams VC Platform

#### Attendees:

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

**Apologies:** Ms Kerry Cuskelly, Dr Brian Osborne, Mr Jim Ryan.

**In attendance:** Mr Derek Chambers (HSE Implementation Group) Ms Niamh O'Malley (Department of Health [DoH] Mental Health Unit), Mr Barry Kestell (DoH Mental Health Unit), Ms Sarah Treleaven (DoH – Sláintecare Regions Unit – attended to present item 4), Ms Sharon Lane (Reference Group [RG] – attended to present Item 5), Ms Nicola Byrne (RG – attended to present Item 5).

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#### 1. Attendance and Apologies

- Chair noted apologies received.

#### 2. Minutes of previous NIMC Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023

- Minutes were approved (Ms Hargis proposed and Dr Duffy seconded) with no matters arising.

**Action: NIMC Secretariat to publish Minutes on Department of Health Website.**

#### 3. Chair's Update

- The Chair notified the Committee of his upcoming attendance at a meeting of the Council of the College of Psychiatrists of Ireland on 8<sup>th</sup> June on foot of an invitation from Dr Lorcan Martin, President, College of Psychiatrists of Ireland.
- The Chair notified the Committee of his upcoming meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> May with Minister Butler and Ms Siobhan McArdle to present an update on the *Sharing the Vision (StV)* Implementation Q4 2022 report.
- The Chair invited Ms Hargis to update the group on work being undertaken in relation to the development of the second NIMC to commence from December 2023. Ms Hargis advised that officials were progressing a proposal on future options including potential membership. Ms Hargis also advised that work in relation to the end-of-term NIMC report was underway.
- The Chair invited Mr Chambers to provide an update on the Community Healthcare Operations Improvement and Change (CHOIC) Group, as per the action agreed at the last meeting of the NIMC. Mr Chambers presented a high-level overview of this group. The presentation noted CHOIC's function in achieving the implementation of Recommendations 94 and 95 in *StV*, as referenced in last month's meeting of the NIMC.
- The Chair advised the Committee that he is awaiting the official invitation to appear before an Oireachtas Sub-Committee on Mental Health as previously referenced.

#### 4. Presentation by DoH on the HSE Regional Health Authority (RHA) Re-structuring Project

- The Chair welcomed Ms Sarah Treleaven, Principal Officer, Sláintecare Regions Unit, DoH to the meeting to present to the Committee.
- Ms Treleaven delivered a presentation to the Committee covering the RHA Re-structuring Project from inception to date and provided a high-level update on draft implementation actions noting that analysis is still underway.

- The Committee welcomed the presentation, noting the scale of the project and the implications of migrating from existing structures to new structures in the context of demographic variables, governance, national and regional services, and the inter-relationships between them. The Committee noted the importance of gaining an early understanding of the proposed central structure and requested future updating regarding the implementation of the RHA structures within the HSE.
- It was proposed and agreed that Mr Bernard Gloster, HSE CEO, be invited to present to NIMC on HSE restructuring in Q3.

**Action: Mr Bernard Gloster, HSE CEO (or nominee) to be invited to present on HSE restructuring at future meeting of the NIMC in Q3 2023.**

#### **5. Review Q1 2023 draft Implementation Status Report.**

- Mr Chambers presented the draft Implementation Status Report Q1 2023, which focused on Domain 2 (Part II): Service Access, Coordination and Continuity of Care.
- Ms Lane and Ms Byrne presented the Reference Group (RG) Feedback.
- The Committee discussed the RG Feedback, including the need to prioritise inclusivity and ensure that the diverse voices of communities, voices of frontline staff and their lived experiences are adequately represented in policy implementation.
- The Committee also discussed opportunities to enhance the quality of feedback mechanisms, communications, and engagement between the RG, the HIG and related workstreams, HSE Mental Health Engagement and Recovery and the NIMC, and the ways in which RG feedback was communicated to implementation leads between the quarterly reports.
- The Chair proposed that a meeting with the RG Secretariat and some RG members, the NIMC and HIG Secretariats, and some NIMC members should be held as soon as possible to re-examine the RG reporting mechanisms and optimising engagement between the NIMC Implementation monitoring structures.
- The Chair sought approval for both the Implementation Report and the RG Report, pending any additional written feedback from members This was accepted with one abstention.

**Action: NIMC Secretariat to arrange a meeting with RG, HIG and NIMC members as soon as practicable.**

#### **6. Timelines for programme implementation**

- The Chair deferred this agenda item to the next meeting, due to time constraints.

**Action: NIMC Secretariat to include discussion of Timelines for programme implementation on the June Agenda.**

#### **7. AOB**

- The Chair proposed re-circulating the documents recommending closure of Recommendations 94 and 95 to the Committee, following on from the April NIMC meeting in which it was agreed that these would be closed pending any additional observations from members, along with materials from the RG, RHA and CHOIC presentations, after the meeting. This was agreed.
- The Chair reminded Committee members that the next meeting is online and scheduled for June 16<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 1 pm.

**Action: NIMC Secretariat to circulate presentation materials from the meeting to NIMC members, along with Recommendation 94 and 95 closure documents.**

### Actions Arising from the Meeting

<b>No.</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>
1	Publish Minutes on Department of Health Website.	NIMC Secretariat	16/6/2023
2	Mr Bernard Gloster, HSE CEO (or nominee) to be invited to present on HSE restructuring at future meeting of the NIMC in Q3 2023	NIMC Secretariat	30/9/2023
3	Arrange a meeting with RG, HIG and NIMC members as soon as practicable	NIMC Secretariat	16/6/2023
4	Include discussion of Timelines for programme implementation on the June Agenda	NIMC Secretariat	16/6/2023
5	Circulate presentation materials from the meeting to NIMC members, along with Recommendation 94 and 95 closure documents.	NIMC Secretariat	26/5/2023