

## **NIMC Steering Committee Minutes**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 11am – 1pm**

**Room 522, Department of Health**

**In-person meeting/Microsoft Teams VC Platform**

### **Attendees:**

Members: Mr John Saunders (Chair) Ms Fiona Coyle, Dr Joseph Duffy, Prof Daniel Flynn, Dr Siobhan Hargis, Dr Amir Niazi, Mr Ian Power (attended remotely), Prof Siobhan MacHale, Mr John Meehan (attended remotely), Dr Brian Osborne (attended remotely), Ms Aisling Culhane (attended remotely), Mr Michael Ryan (attended remotely), Mr Maurice Dillon (attended remotely), Dr Anne Marie Waldron, Ms Dervila Eyres.

### **Apologies:**

Ms Kerry Cuskelly and Ms Kelly Mofflin

### **In attendance:**

- Mr Bernard Gloster (HSE, Chief Executive Officer, attended remotely for item 2), Ms Jenny O'Brien (HSE, Office of NCAGL, attended in person), Dr Philip Dodd (DoH, Mental Health Unit, attended in person), Mr Derek Chambers (HSE, Implementation Group, attended remotely), Ms Eimear Kealy (DoH, Mental Health Unit, attended remotely), Ms Joanne McCormack (DoH, Mental Health Unit, attended in person), Mr Oisín Murphy (DoH, Mental Health Unit, attended in person), Ms Elizabeth Richards (DoH, Mental Health Unit, attended in person), Ms Sharon Lane (NIMC Reference Group – attended in person for items 1 - 3), Ms Nicola Byrne (NIMC Reference Group – attended in person for items 1 - 3), Dr Amanda Burke, (HSE, National Clinical Lead for Youth Mental Health, attended remotely for item 2), Ms Siobhan McArdle (DoH, Social Care, Mental Health, Drugs Policy and Unscheduled Care, attended in person)

### **1. Attendance & apologies**

- The Chair noted apologies received from Ms Kerry Cuskelly and Ms Kelly Mofflin

### **2. Discussion of HSE Regional Health Restructuring and Mental Health with CEO of HSE Mr Bernard Gloster**

- Mr Gloster gave an overview of the planned restructuring of the HSE, confirming the move to six population based HSE Health Regions which will align with the aim of optimising healthcare as detailed in Sláintecare, and will move to deliver service improvements through strengthening operations in each region.
- The intention is to reduce operational roles in the centre of the HSE, with the centre having a focus on four key areas of oversight: – Planning, Enablement, Performance and Assurance – noting that the implementation oversight of *Sharing the Vision* (StV) will remain as a centralised function.
- He noted that the recruitment for the Regional Executive Officer (REO) roles is currently in progress with interviews ongoing, with expected start dates estimated for end-Q1 2024. It is planned that the new HSE Health Region structure will be operational by September 2024.
- Some specific challenges facing the HSE were outlined, including digital health, finance, and workforce planning.

- The Chair thanked Mr Gloster for his presentation and opened the meeting to questions to Mr Gloster.
- There was a discussion between NIMC members and Mr Gloster on a number of topics, including the importance of developing e-health solutions, including e-referrals in mental health services, the HSE service plan, the HSE National Office of Suicide Prevention (NOSP), the national clinical programmes in mental health, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS), the role of the community sector in delivering mental health services, the current HSE pause on recruitment, liaison mental health services and integrated care.
- The Chair and members thanked Mr Gloster for the time given to address the NIMC and for his insights on the development of mental health in the emerging structural changes within the HSE.

### 3. Review of Q3 2023 Policy Implementation Status report

- Dr Dodd and Mr Chambers presented the draft Policy Implementation status Report for Q3 2023, which focused on Domains 1 and 3 – Domain 1: Promotion, prevention and early intervention and Domain 3: Social inclusion. The key issues with implementation for this quarter were highlighted as Recruitment/Human Resources, Timelines, Cost and Technology.
- Mr Chambers summarised the key achievements in Domain 1 & 3 in the period.
- Ms Lane presented the NIMC Reference Group Feedback Report for the Status Report Quarter 3, 2023
- She welcomed the on-going enhanced communications workshops, noting they have significantly improved communications between NIMC and the Group. Ms Lane noted that a significant volume of information was presented, noting that the recordings and papers from the engagements were forwarded to the full RG for review and information.
- Ms Lane reported that the HRB have agreed to present the previously detailed '*Mental health-related indicators for measuring performance and impact of mental health policy: an evidence brief*' to the Reference Group (RG) at an upcoming meeting. Ms Byrne indicated that the recruitment process is ongoing for additional RG members as previously approved by the NIMC.
- Ms Coyle enquired regarding the status of the *Patient Voice Partner Policy*, currently being developed by the DoH and suggested it may be useful for the NIMC to be provided with an update.
- The Chair then invited approval of the Q3 2023 report for publication which was approved unanimously.
- The Chair thanked Ms Lane and Ms Byrne for their contribution.
- **Action: NIMC Secretariat to publish the Policy Implementation Status Report Quarter 3, 2023 associated analysis document on DoH website.**
- **Action: NIMC Secretariat to provide an update to NIMC on the Patient Voice Partner Policy**

### 4. Minutes of October 2023 meeting - 1 min

The Chair sought a proposer and seconder for the October minutes. Dr Duffy proposed, and Dr Waldron seconded.

- **Action: NIMC Secretariat to publish approved minutes of October meeting on DoH website.**

### 5. Chair's update and matters arising

#### a) Update on Recommendation 3 and forthcoming closure proposal

- Dr Dodd noted that following discussions with colleagues in the Women's Health Taskforce and the Women's Mental Health Specialist Subgroup of the NIMC, it is intended to bring a proposal for the closure of Recommendation 3 to the December meeting of the NIMC.

**b) *Sharing the Vision* event – Dublin Castle, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

- Dr Dodd updated the group that planning was progressing on the event with two keynote speakers to be invited. He committed to reverting with further details as they emerge.

**c) Independent Process Review of the NIMC**

- Dr Dodd updated the group that the recent workshop arranged by Prospectus brought together early findings of their work, and the next workshop with key relevant stakeholders to take place on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023 will provide a further update on the findings as part of the review process.

**d) Update on preparations for the second term of the NIMC**

- Dr Dodd noted that the position of NIMC Chair is currently being recruited with expressions of interest due by 3pm on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023, in response to a public recruitment campaign. It is expected that the Minister Butler will appoint the new Chair following a shortlisting process, by mid-December.
- Dr Dodd confirmed that nominations for vacancies on the NIMC are currently being sought from the previously developed channels through relevant representative bodies. The final membership of the second term of the NIMC will be determined by year end.

**e) End-of-term report for the first term of the NIMC**

- Dr Dodd presented an overview of the suggested format and content of the report.
- The end-of-term report will be presented to the NIMC for approval at its December meeting.
- The proposed format of the report was approved by the Membership.

**6. AOB**

- The Chair advised that the next meeting is to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 in-person in the DoH and will be the final meeting of this term of the NIMC.
- The Chair thanked attendees and closed the meeting.

**Actions arising from the meeting:**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>
<b>1.</b>	Publish the Policy Implementation Status Report Quarter 3, 2023 and associated analysis document on DoH website.	NIMC Secretariat	15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
<b>2.</b>	Provide an update to NIMC on the <i>Patient Voice Partner Policy</i>	NIMC Secretariat	15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
<b>3.</b>	Publish approved minutes of October meeting on DoH website.	NIMC Secretariat	15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023