

High Level Taskforce on Mental Health and Addiction Challenges of persons interacting with the Criminal Justice System

Plenary Group Meeting

Monday, 30th May 2022: 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Attendees:

- Kathleen Lynch; Chair - former Minister of State for Primary Care, Mental Health and Disability
- Ben Ryan; Assistant Secretary, Dept. of Justice, Head of Criminal Justice Policy
- Siobhan McArdle, Assistant Secretary, Dept. of Health
- Assistant Commissioner Paula Hilman; An Garda Síochána
- Mary O'Regan; Principal Officer, Dept. of Justice, Penal and Policing Policy
- Mark Wilson; Director, Probation Service
- Seamus Hempenstall; Principal Officer, Dept. of Health, Mental Health Division
- Michael Murchan; Assistant Principal Officer, Dept. of Health, Mental Health Unit
- Jim Ryan; Head of Operations for Mental Health Services, HSE
- John Devlin; Clinical Director, Irish Prison Service
- Dr Eamon Keenan; National Clinical Lead-Addiction Services, HSE
- Chief Superintendent Gerard Roche; An Garda Síochána
- Inspector Andrew Lacey; An Garda Síochána
- Enda Kelly; Chief Nursing Officer, Irish Prison Service
- Rosemarie Tobin; Principal Officer, Dept. of Housing
- Ruairi Ferrie; Assistant Principal Officer, Dept. of Housing, Homelessness Policy, Funding and Delivery Section
- **Secretariat** – Oonagh Ffrench and Kerrie Keegan, Dept. of Justice, Penal and Policing Policy

Apologies:

- Dr Narayanan Subramanian; Consultant General Adult Psychiatrist & HSE National Clinical Lead in Dual Diagnosis, HSE
- Prof. Harry Kennedy; Executive Clinical Director, Central Mental Hospital
- Pat Bergin; Head of Service, Forensic Mental Health Service, HSE
- Deirdre O'Flaherty; Administrative Officer, Dept. of Health, Mental Health Unit
- Tony O'Donovan; Principal Officer, Child Welfare Advisor, Children Detention Unit, DCEDIY
- John Dunphy, Dept. of Justice, Penal and Policing Policy

Agenda:

1. Welcome from Chair and Apologies
2. Draft HLTF Final Report
3. AOB

1. Welcome from the Chair

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone, thanking them for all their hard work on the draft Final HLTF report.

2. Draft HLTF Final Report

- 2.1. The Chair outlined the timeframes involved for the recommendations in the draft Final Report which are short, medium and long term ie. 12-18 months, 18 months-3 years and 5 years.
- 2.2. One comment on the draft Report was that some of the Recommendations from SG2 would need to be slightly amended.
- 2.3. All present agreed that the Report accurately reflected the Subgroups work over the course of the Taskforce.

3. AOB

- 3.1 The Chair closed the final meeting of the HLTF Taskforce by once again thanking everyone for the work they had done on the report.