

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

## Subgroup 1: Diversion

Meeting Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022 2.30pm-3.30pm

### Attendees:

- Chair – Chief Superintendent Gerard Roche, An Garda Síochána
- Dr Eamon Keenan, National Clinical Lead-Addiction Services, HSE
- Inspector Andrew Lacey, An Garda Síochána
- Eoin Ryan, Regional Manager with responsibility for prisons regions, Probation Service
- Michael Murchan, Assistant Principal Officer, Department of Health
- Deirdre O’Flaherty, Administrative Officer, Department of Health
- Brendan Sheehy, Assistant Principal Officer, Community Safety Policy, Dept. of Justice
- Secretariat – John Dunphy, Oonagh Ffrench, Dept. of Justice, Penal and Policing Policy

### Apologies:

- Seamus Hempenstall, Principal officer, Department of Health
- Tony O’Donovan; Dept. of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, Principal Officer, Child Welfare Advisor, Children Detention Unit
- Enda Kelly, National Nurse Manager, Irish Prison Service
- Kerrie Keegan, Department of Justice

### Agenda:

1. Introduction and apologies
2. Minutes of last meeting 01.03.22
3. Update on Final report
4. AOB

### 1. Minutes of last meeting

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone, thanking everyone for their continued work
- 1.2. Minutes of 01.03.22 approved.

### 2. Update on Final Report

- 2.1. AL walked the Subgroup through the Draft Recommendations. Members made suggestions to some of the Recommendations for amendments/additions to be made which AL will take on board and amend Draft Final report.

2.2. Amended Draft Report will be re-circulated to members.

**3. AOB**

The Chair thanked everyone for their work with the Subgroup and wished everyone well in the future.