

**High Level Taskforce on Mental Health and Addiction challenges of Persons interacting with the Criminal Justice System**

**Subgroup 2: Irish Prison Service and CMH Capacity**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022**

**14:00 – 15:30 via Video Conference**

**Minute:**

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**Agenda:**

1. Introduction and Apologies
2. Minutes of last meeting of 02.03.22 and matters arising
3. Subgroup 2 draft Final Report
4. AOB

**Attendees:**

- **Chair** - John Devlin, Clinical Director, Irish Prison Service
- Mary O'Regan, Dept. of Justice, Principal Officer, Penal and Policing Policy
- Patrick Bergin, Head of Service, Forensic Mental Health Service, HSE
- Michael Murchan, Assistant Principal Officer, Dept. of Health, Mental Health Unit
- Deirdre O'Flaherty, Administrative Officer, Mental Health Unit, Department of Health
- **Secretariat** –Oonagh Ffrench and John Dunphy, Penal and Policing Policy, Dept. of Justice

**Apologies:**

- Seamus Hempenstall, Principal Officer, Mental Health Unit, Department of Health
- Enda Kelly, National Nurse Manager, Irish Prison Service
- Dr Narayanan Subramanian, Consultant General Adult Psychiatrist & HSE National Clinical Lead in Dual Diagnosis, HSE
- Prof. Harry Kennedy, Executive Clinical Director, Central Mental Hospital
- Ben Ryan, Assistant Secretary, Criminal Justice Policy, Dept. of Justice
- Kerrie Keegan, Penal and Policing Policy, Dept of Justice

**1. Introduction and Apologies**

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting, welcoming everyone and thanked the members for their continued support and work to date

**2. Minutes and matters arising**

- 2.1 Minutes from 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 approved

### **3. Subgroup 2 draft Final Report**

- 3.1 The Chair walked the Group through the Draft report and discussion around the various points ensued. All agreed points will be taken on board in Final Draft which will be re-circulated to members
- 3.2 The Chair asked members for their agreement on the timelines that should be included in the table on the Implementation of Recommendations which had been issued to all Subchairs
- 3.3 Chair to request material on ICRUs and LTMS from H Kennedy for inclusion in the report

#### **AOB:**

- The Chair will make appropriate changes to the report as per the suggestions at meeting.