

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

## Subgroup 3: Community issues including through Care from Detention

Friday 22<sup>st</sup> October 2021 10am- 11am via video conference

### Attendees:

- Chair; Mark Wilson; Director, Probation Service
- Jim Ryan; Head of Operations for Mental Health Services, HSE
- Mary O'Regan; Principal Officer, Dept. of Justice, Penal and Policing Policy
- Seamus Hempenstall; Principal Officer, Mental Health Unit, Dept. of Health
- Dr Conor O'Neill; National Forensic Mental Health Service, HSE
- Enda Kelly; National Nurse Manager, Irish Prison Service
- Tom O'Brien; Primary Care, HSE
- Joseph Doyle; Social Inclusion, HSE
- Graham Hopkins; Dept. of Housing, Homelessness Policy, Funding and Delivery Section
- Chief Superintendent Gerry Roche; An Garda Síochána
- Tony O'Donovan; Principal Officer, DCEDIY, Child Welfare Advisor, Child Detention Unit
- Kim McDonnell; Probation Officer, Probation Service
- Dr Damien Smith; Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist, In-reach team, Mountjoy, CMH
- Deirdre O'Flaherty; Administrative Officer, Mental Health Unit, Dept. of Health
- **Secretariat** – John Dunphy, Oonagh Ffrench and Kerrie Keegan, Dept. of Justice, Penal and Policing Policy

### Apologies

- Michael Murchan; Assistant Principal Officer, Mental Health Unit, Dept. of Health,

### Agenda:

1. Welcome from Chair
2. Minutes of last meeting
3. Update on interim report
4. Proposed Work Plan & Consultation process
5. AOB

#### **1. Welcome from Chair**

- 1.1.** The Chair opened the meeting, and welcomed new attendees: Tom O'Brien from Primary Care, HSE. Apologies were received from the above mentioned

#### **2. Minutes of the last Meeting**

- 2.1.** Minutes of the meeting dated 1<sup>st</sup> October were approved

#### **3. Update on Interim Report**

- 3.1.** The Chair advised that all the necessary material had been submitted and the next phase is to review and collate the text so that it is ready for submission to the HLTF

- 3.2. The Chair noted that the deadline for the interim report submissions had passed and it is expected that the Interim report will be sent to the Ministers at the end of October. The Group has a lot of very valuable material and the task now is to condense it
- 3.3. The methodology of the report is outlining the ToR, themes, an introduction and then three separate chapters which will lead into the final report
- 3.4. The importance of consistency of HSE material in all 3 Subgroups was discussed. The Chair advised that the final doc would be reviewed in detail to ensure accuracy of material

#### **4. Proposed Work Plan & Consultation process**

- 4.1. The Chair advised that the deadline for the HLTF Final report was due by year end but that due to slippage in respect of the interim report, it may be that the final report is submitted early in the New Year. The secretariat noted that the timelines and deadline are a matter for the chair and that the chair will consider all relevant factors
- 4.2. The next phase would be a consultation process where the Group would engage with relevant parties and seek their opinions
- 4.3. The Chair raised that it is important to draft a working template for the consultation process for the next phase and to emphasise that a lot of positive work has been completed to date
- 4.4. It was agreed that Enda, Damian, Conor and Tom would look at the area of "Focus on throughcare" and examine the model in terms of next steps. They will report back at next Subgroup meeting
- 4.5. It was suggested that it might be beneficial to include a judicial nominee to the Subgroup which would have distinct advantages to the Courts aspect. The Chair will undertake to follow this up with relevant body for nominee
- 4.6. The inclusion of the service user voice into the consultation process was discussed and how best to incorporate this into the work of the Subgroup

#### **5. AOB**

No additional matters arose

#### **Actions:**

- Enda, Damian, Conor and Tom will provide an update on throughcare from custody at the next Subgroup meeting