

Summarised Minute from the Executive Team Meeting for the Scottish Mental Health Law Review

Date: 12th January 2021

Via MS Teams

Present: John Scott QC, Colin McKay, Jill Stavert, Graham Morgan, Karen Martin

Secretariat: Kirsty McGrath, Sophie Ryder, Nicola Paterson

1. Programme of Engagement

The team discussed the format of the programme of engagement for the next phase of the review.

- It was agreed that the Advisory Groups would come together and propose questions to put to the stakeholders .
- It was recognised that professionals are under a lot of pressure at the moment and this may have an impact on the capacity to participate. This is particularly evident within the carers network at the moment, as services have further reduced.
- The team discussed the benefits of having an International Reference Grp. It was suggested that this could be tied in with the international conferences in 2022.

2. Responses to the Interim Report

- Carers were pleased with how they had been represented in the report and were keen to continue working with the review. The feedback included general feeling that the problems carers had raised were felt by many and that they weren't alone.
- Other individuals have responded to the secretariat with their comments on the report and there has been feedback from the MHRG on their Facebook page.

3. Scenario Testing

- The Royal College of Psychiatry have provided scenarios that will be discussed by the Capacity and SDM group and shared more widely with the team for comment.
- This is part of an ongoing agenda along with the scenarios provided by the MHO Network and Advocacy
- It was suggested that they are populated to indicate which Human Rights issues and Legal aspects they are highlighting.
- The Children and Young Persons Advisory Group are also testing scenarios and the groups will also co-ordinate with the college and MHO network.

Support for the team and those contributors to the work of the Review

- It has been acknowledged that virtue of the nature of the work on the review people are opening themselves up to emotional distress and it is important that there is support available if and when needed.
- The Review should continue to signpost to 'Breathing Space' and 'The Samaritans' for anybody external participating or contributing the review

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