

Minutes from the Executive Team Meeting

Date: 26th May 2021

Video Conference Meeting

Present: John Scott, Colin McKay, Jill Stavert, Graham Morgan, Karen Martin, Alison Rankin, Simon Webster

Secretariat: Kirsty McGrath, Sophie Ryder, Nicola Paterson, Sandra Macdonald, Adele Farwell

1. Update from Reference Groups

An update was provided for the Lived Experience Reference Group;

- In the last meeting the group discussed the report on the Triangle of Care. This focused on the relationship between professionals, carers and those that they care for. They explored how this could be improved.
- The following themes emerged from the discussion;
 - Communication
 - Influence of Power
 - The need for training
 - The need for consistent policies and guidance that are reviewed frequently and consistently interpreted
 - Cultural change and respect for equality

An update was provided for Practitioners Reference Group;

- In the last meeting the group discussed two papers on the purpose of Mental Health Law and the principles of Mental Health Law.
 - There was general agreement and support on who should be covered by the act and exceptions to this, i.e. where addictions fit into this.
 - The group explored where mental and intellectual disabilities sit, shifting from authority to intervene to a duty to intervene
 - The principles were broadly agreed but there is more to unpack in this regard
 - The group did agree that the principles should support an early intervention approach
 - The group will look at the English Mental Health Act and what it says about safety/forensics
 - The group will discuss abandoning some of the terminology in the act to achieve cultural change

It was agreed that both groups should look at SIDMA. A paper has been produced by Paul and Arun from the Capacity and Supported Decision Making group which maps out the various concepts of capacity which exist in various legislations throughout the world. This can be used to support the discussions of the two groups,

however the need to put this into a wider context and break this down into stages was highlighted.

The lived experience group will also need to talk about the principles of law.

2. Development Days

- The first development day will take place on 4th June. Katie Boyle from Stirling University, we will be focusing on what has come out of the Human Rights taskforce.
- The second day will take place on the 18th June which will predominantly focus on the interim report and what needs to be focused on for the remainder of the review. How the groups will operate.

3. Interim Report

- The draft interim report should be submitted by 25th June
- The report will be published the first week in July
- John will look to meet with the Minister after the report has been published

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