

## **Minutes from the Executive Team Meeting**

**Date: 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

### **Video Conference Meeting**

**Present:** John Scott, Colin McKay, Jill Stavert, Karen Martin

**Secretariat:** Kirsty McGrath, Sophie Ryder, Sandra Macdonald, Isla Jack

**Apologies:** Graham Morgan, Simon Webster, Alison Rankin

#### **1. Notes from meeting on 28/9**

- The issue around the definition of 'child' was discussed in the last meeting. It was highlighted that there is a major piece of work being undertaken which will define the age as 18. It was agreed that for the purpose of the Review we would adhere to this definition.

#### **2. Staffing update**

- Interviews being carried out on Thursday for the B3 secondment opportunity.

#### **3. Meeting with MHTS**

- The Secretariat have initiated discussions with the tribunal to discuss how we can work together with them. A meeting is in the process of being set.

**Action – Karen Colvin to add Jill and Colin to invite**

#### **4. Event with Royal College**

- The Royal College would like SMHLR to host a similar event to the one previous, focussing on adult psychiatry. It was agreed that it would be a similar size to the last event with a maximum of 60 people. This should be arranged for mid Feb 2022.

**Action – Karen Colvin to liaise with Aidan from the Royal College**

#### **5. Engagement plan and update on work strands**

##### Assessment Framework

- Assessment framework is progressing. It was agreed that advance planning is also part of support for decision making and therefore this would be picked up in the framework.
- Use of new listed initiator role/named persons should fit within overall package of support for decision making.

- Ready to be presented at the reference group and AWI advisory group and will await feedback from this consultation.

### Accountability

- This work strand will require the ET to meet before January to discuss the following;
  - MWC paper on scrutiny
  - Accountability frameworks. Duties on public bodies, redress etc.

### **Action – to incorporate meetings within project plan**

- Meeting set with the Human Rights bill team leader next week

### Involuntary Care and treatment

- Awaiting update on this.

### Children and YP

- A meeting is scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> November to discuss proposals. This will then go to the Practitioners Reference Group on 18<sup>th</sup> November. It was agreed that there will be no further requirement for ET discussion on these proposals.
- It was agreed that an extract of the minute of the ET discussion could be shared with the Children and YP group.
- Meeting with Sheriff Mackie is yet to be scheduled. Currently pending response. Secretariat may require to take action forward.

### Forensic

- First draft of the forensic paper completed. This touches on aspect of the Barron Review, therefore meeting arranged to discuss this. It will be ready for the ET by 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

### **6. Comms and engagement follow up to Alliance event.**

- Anecdotal feedback suggests that the event went really well and has had a really positive response, with some people expressing disappointment to have missed it.
- The feedback from the event has been written up and shared with the comms and engagement group. The comms and engagement group have proposed the following recommendations;
  - Mandatory training for all professionals working within the mental health sector, including, police on human rights and how this translates to the care and treatment that they provide, including advocacy services

- Mandatory opt out advocacy services
  - Advocacy services should also be available to carers
  - Investment in advocacy services to facilitate this
  - Education in schools on the link between mental health and human rights
  - Improved awareness of Human Rights and improved availability of accessible resources to aid understanding of how these translate to day to day care.
- These recommendations will be brought to the planning day with Executive Team in December.

*Work of the comms and engagement group going forward*

- The group will be looking at Advance Statements. This ties in with the work of Advance directives.
- Advised there is a piece of work being undertaken at the moment which would see a much wider interpretation of who advance statements are for and what they should be used for. It was agreed that they shouldn't just be used for people with mental health issues, this is something that everybody should be encouraged to have and it should look at more than just welfare, should include finance.
- There was further discussion around advance statements and the team discussed whether this should just be simply referred to as a 'statement of wishes and preferences'. It was agreed that the importance lies with how much legal weight this is given, rather than what it is called.
- The reference group could help decide the name for this. This should tie in with the powers of the tribunal.
- It was stressed that the government will need to do a public awareness/information campaign explaining the 4 treaties and what this means for people. This should include information on advance statements if the aim is to encourage everybody to do one.

**7. Project plan discussion**

- The project plan was agreed by the Executive Team and Secretariat.
- Recommendations should be captured on the project plan as and when they have been finalised, this will allow people to see them ahead of the meeting and will highlight where there are crossovers.
- It was agreed that the consultation next year will be for an 8 week period. It is important that we stick to deadlines for the Review to finish on time.

## **8. ET Meetings**

- The agenda for the planning day in December will involve bringing the recommendations together and doing a maturity assessment where the team will divide recommendations in those that are straightforward, those that could be controversial and those that require more work.
- It was agreed that ET meetings going forward will be once per fortnight on Tuesday afternoons. This will be reviewed next month.

## **9. AOB**

- The comms and engagement group will be looking at advocacy. It was agreed that Isla would come along to the meeting to inform the group about collective advocacy as this ties into their work. Jill also requested to come along to the meeting from a capacity and SDM perspective.
- The group discussed the remit of the comms and engagement group and reinforced the fact that their role is to focus on the comms aspect of these issues.

## **Secretariat – SMHLR**