

**THE REVIEW OF MENTAL HEALTH AND LEARNING DISABILITY  
(NORTHERN IRELAND)**

**STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

- **Chair – Professor David Bamford, University of Ulster**

David Bamford is Professor of Social Work at the University of Ulster. He is also Head of the School of Sociology and Applied Social Studies, and an Honorary Professor at the University of Transylvania in Brasov, Romania.

- **Deputy Chair - Professor Roy McClelland, Queen’s University, Belfast**

Roy McClelland is Professor of Mental Health at Queen’s University and a Consultant Psychiatrist at Belfast City Hospital.

- **Martha McClelland, Mind Yourself**

Martha McClelland is the Chief Executive of Mind Yourself, a voluntary organisation based in Londonderry, which is managed and staffed by users of mental health services.

- **Martin Daly, LAMP**

Martin Daly is LAMP’s Co-ordinator. LAMP is an independent, user-led voluntary organisation. It was established a few years ago with the support of the North and West Belfast HSS Trust, in whose area the organisation primarily operates.

- **Marie Crossin, CAUSE**

Marie Crossin is the Chief Officer of CAUSE (Carers and Users Support Enterprise), is a voluntary organisation, which operates throughout Northern Ireland, providing support for the carers and families of people suffering from a serious mental illness.

- **Winston McCartney, Northern Ireland Association for Mental Health (NIAMH)**

Winston McCartney has broad experience of mental health services and was Secretary to the former All Party Assembly Group on Mental Health.

- **Reverend Trevor Williams**

Until recently Director of Corrymeela, Trevor Williams is a Minister in North Belfast.

- **Dr Raman Kapur, Threshold**

Raman Kapur is Threshold's Director. Threshold, one of the foremost voluntary organisations in the mental health field in Northern Ireland, promotes the benefits of a therapeutic community approach in enabling people recovering from mental illness to live full and independent lives.

- **Dr Paschal McKeown, MENCAP**

Paschal McKeown is the Policy and Information Manager of MENCAP, which aims to promote, in partnership with those concerned, the well-being of people with a learning disability, and to support their families. MENCAP provides a range of services for people with a learning disability and supports a membership network. Paschal McKeown is also the chair of LEAD – NI Coalition on Learning Disability.

- **Dr Fred Browne, Chair, NI Division, Royal College of Psychiatrists**

Fred Browne is a Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist at Knockbracken Healthcare Park and in the Northern Ireland prisons. He is currently Chair of the Northern Ireland Division of the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

- **Dr Oliver Shanks**

Oliver Shanks is a Consultant Psychiatrist in Learning Disability, a Mental Health Commissioner and a Life Sentence Review Commissioner.

- **Eileen Sherrard, Down Lisburn HSS Trust**

Eileen Sherrard, Clinical Psychology Services Manager in the Trust, brings a learning disability and psychology perspective to the Committee. Her specialist area of clinical expertise is in learning disability and the assessment of people with ASD's, and she conducts extensive training in this area.

- **Nevin Ringland, PRAXIS**

Nevin Ringland is Chief Executive of Praxis Care Group in Northern Ireland, a charity which supports people with mental health problems, learning disabilities, brain injury and older people with and without dementia.

- **Maureen Ferris, EHSS Board**

Maureen Ferris is Assistant Director of Nursing in the Eastern Board, with a particular responsibility for mental health and learning disability. She has had wide and varied experience working at strategic and professional levels regionally and nationally.

- **Mary O'Boyle, Holywell Hospital**

Mary O'Boyle is an Assistant Director at Holywell, with responsibility for all social work input to the care of patients. She continues with some out-of-hours social work as an Approved Social Worker and is Vice-Chair of the Mental Health Commission.

- **Patrick Convery, Gransha Hospital**

Patrick Convery is the Occupational Therapy/AHP representative on the Steering Group. He is the Occupational Therapy Services Manager in Foyle Trust with responsibility for the delivery of Mental Health, Paediatrics, Elderly Care, Acute and Community Occupational Therapy service within the Trust. He has recently been appointed as a member of the Mental Health Commission.

- **Leslie Frew, DHSSPS**

Leslie Frew is Director of the Community Care Directorate in DHSSPS.

- **Professor Tony McGleenan, University of Ulster**

Tony McGleenan is the Chair of Law at the University of Ulster, having previously been a senior lecturer in Law at Queen's University, Belfast. He is a practising Barrister and a member of the Bar in the Republic of Ireland. With a special interest in legal and ethical issues, he is President of the Northern Ireland Forum for Healthcare Ethics and Law, a multi-disciplinary group which examines legal and ethical issues in health care.

- **Brendan Mullen, Ulster Community and Hospitals HSS Trust**

Brendan Mullen is Director of Mental Health and Learning Disability at the Ulster Community and Hospitals Trust, with particular responsibility for the North Down and Ards area. He is a member of the Mental Health Commission.

- **Professor Alan Ferguson, Northern Ireland Association for Mental Health, (NIAMH)**

In addition to his voluntary sector experience as Chief Executive of NIAMH, Alan Ferguson brings an historical perspective to the Committee, from his membership of the Review which led to the Mental Health (NI) Order 1986.

- **Brian Dornan, SHSS Board**

Brian Dornan is the Director of Social Services at the Southern Board.

- **Mark Timoney, SHSS Board**

Mark Timoney is the Director of Pharmaceutical Services in the Southern Board. He was previously the Pharmacy Manager at the Mater Hospital, where his responsibilities included medicines management for patients with mental health problems.

- **Dr John Owens, Cavan/Monaghan Community Mental Health Project**

John Owens, Director of the Cavan/Monaghan Community Mental Health Project, is Chair of the new Mental Health Commission in the Republic of Ireland.

- **Professor Geoff Shepherd, Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust**

A Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Geoff Shepherd is Director of Partnership and Development in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Partnership. He was previously involved in developing the National Service Framework.

- **Colin Beck, City of Edinburgh Council**

Colin Beck is a Senior Manager for community care services in the Social Work Department of the Council, where most of his work is in the area of mental health planning and service delivery, including for adults, older people and people with a learning disability.

- **Joanne McDonald, Buzz Advocacy Group**

Joanne McDonald has a learning disability. She is a member of the Buzz Advocacy Group.

- **Dr John Hunter, Department of Education**

John Hunter is Managing Inspector for Special Education and Alternative Education, Education and Training Inspectorate for the Department of Education. He also holds specialist lead responsibility for a range of areas including that of autism, emotional and behavioural difficulties.

- **Master Brian Hall, Master of Care and Protection**

Brian Hall is a Master in the Family Division of the High Court with responsibility for patients' cases administered under the provisions of Part VIII of the Mental Health Order 1986 and for the registration of Enduring Powers of Attorney. He also deals with children's cases in Wardship and under the Children (NI) Order, the Adoption (NI) Order and the Child Abduction and Custody Act 1985.

- **Siobhan Bogues, ARC (NI)**

Siobhan Bogues runs an independent organisation, the Care Sector Consultancy, which offers a range of research, training, strategic planning and consultancy services to social care organisations throughout Northern Ireland (NI). In 1998 she was appointed NI Manager (part-time) of ARC, an umbrella organisation that aims to support, promote and develop high quality services for people with learning disabilities.

- **Detective Superintendent Andrew Bailey, PSNI**

Andrew Bailey is a Detective Superintendent in the PSNI Criminal Justice Branch. Formerly the policy co-ordinator for child abuse and sexual offences at Crime H.Q, Dr Bailey has a special interest in the protection of adults who have a learning disability and is a research fellow of the National Crime Faculty (Bramshill).

- **Moira Davren, Royal College of Nursing**

Moira Davren currently works as a Practice Development Fellow in the area of mental health with the Royal College of Nursing. This has involved many development projects concerning nurse leadership and practice development, which span both to death mental health and illness care issues. Prior to this, Moria Davren has been involved in the practice area of child and adolescent health for 15 years in both community and residential settings.

- **Dr Diana Patterson, Shaftesbury Square Hospital**

Diana Patterson is a Consultant Psychiatrist based at Shaftesbury Square Hospital. She chaired the Northern Ireland Committee on Drug Misuse from 1991 until 2002 and is current chair of the Treatment Working Group of the Drug and Alcohol Strategy team.

- **Marian Nicholas, Carer Representative**

Marian Nicholas is a parent of a 17 year old daughter with a learning disability. She has been involved in Mencap's Specialist Services Monitoring Committee.

- **Dr Walter Boyd, GP, Clogher (until September 2003)**

Dr Boyd is a GP in Clogher, Co Tyrone, who has an interest in mental health issues, particularly on the prevention of suicide and mental health issues affecting people in rural areas. He is a member of the Royal College of General Practitioners.

- **Professor James Scott Brown, University of Ulster (Replacing Dr Walter Boyd from December 2003)**

Professor Scott Brown is a GP in Mountsandel Surgery, Coleraine and is a part-time Chair at the Institute of Postgraduate Medicine at the UU. Formerly he was the Vice Chairman of the RCGP in London, held several Committee posts and has an academic and practicing interest in the area of mental health.

- **Mr Bill Halliday, Director of the Equality Commission (NI)**

Bill Halliday is a Director of the Equality Commission's Disability Development Unit, a post which he has held since 3 May 2000. Before joining the Equality Commission, Bill worked in the Southern Health and Social Services Board, where he was responsible for adult community services including those provided for people with physical disabilities or sensory impairments.

