

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

EXPERT WORKING COMMITTEES

FIRST WAVE

- **Social Justice and Citizenship:**

Convenor: Bill Halliday, Equality Commission for Northern Ireland

To consider relevant legislative and other requirements, particularly relating to human rights, discrimination and equality of opportunity; and how best to promote the social inclusion of people with a mental health problem or learning disability and their carers, taking account of employment, housing, education, social security, personal finance and other social issues.

- **Legal Issues:**

Convenor: Master Brian Hall, Office of Care and Protection

To include a review of the Mental Health (N Ireland) Order 1986; the Mental Health Commission; the Mental Health Review Tribunal; the procedures for the transfer of patients to and from N Ireland; issues relating to people who are not able to look after their own property and affairs as a result of a mental health problem or learning disability; and issues relating to people with a mental health problem or a learning disability who are in contact with the criminal justice system.

- **Learning Disability:**

Convenor: Siobhan Bagues, Manager, ARC (NI)

To review policy and services for children and adults with learning disability.

- **Adult Mental Health:**

Convenor: Professor Roy McClelland, Deputy Chair of the Review

To include consideration of primary care provision, acute services, rehabilitation and community care for adults with a mental health problem.

SECOND WAVE

- **Mental Health Promotion:**

Convenor: Professor Alan Ferguson, Chief Executive, NI Association for Mental Health

To include consideration of how best to promote positive mental health in society, with particular reference to the impact of the recently-published Mental Health Promotion Strategy, and how best to meet the needs of people at risk of suicide.

- **Child and Adolescent Mental Health:**

Convenor: Moira Davren, Royal College of Nursing

To include consideration of primary care provision, acute services, rehabilitation and community care for children and adolescents.

- **Dementia and Mental Health Issues of Older People:**

Convenor: Nevin Ringland, Chief Executive, PRAXIS Care Group

To include consideration of primary care provision, acute services, rehabilitation and community care for older people with dementia or a mental health problem.

- **Alcohol and Substance Misuse:**

Convenor: Dr Diana Patterson, Shaftesbury Square Hospital

To include consideration of the links between mental health and alcohol and substance misuse, and the provision of the most appropriate assessment, treatment and care for those involved.

- **Forensic Services:**

Convenor: Dr Fred Browne, Chair, Northern Ireland Division, Royal College of Psychiatrists

To consider the assessment, care and treatment of people with a categorical mental illness, severe personality disorder or who engage in dangerous or persistently challenging, aggressive behaviour, and who may be in contact with the criminal justice system.

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COMMITTEE STRUCTURE



