

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

**SECOND STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING, TUESDAY 28 JANUARY 2003
AT THE FITZWILLIAM INTERNATIONAL HOTEL**

Present:	Professor D Bamford (Chair)	Professor Alan Ferguson
	Professor R McClelland (Deputy Chair)	Dr Fred Browne
	Dr John Owens	Mrs Mary O'Boyle
	Mrs Martha McClelland	Mr Winston McCartney
	Dr Raman Kapur	Dr Walter Boyd
	Mr Mark Timoney	Mr Brendan Mullen
	Ms Mairie Crossin	Mr Roy Keenan
	Mr Martin Daly	Mr Michael Kelly
	Dr Paschal McKeown	Ms Vikki Greenwood
	Mr Colin Beck	
	Mr Brian Dornan	

In Attendance: Dr Janice Thompson

Apologies:	Mr Geoff Shepherd	Mrs Eileen Sherrard
	Mr Leslie Frew	Dr Oliver Shanks
	Mrs Maureen Dodd	Rev Trevor Williams
	Mr Patrick Convery	Mrs Maureen McCartney
	Professor Tony McGleenan	

Welcome and Introduction

1. Professor Bamford welcomed everyone to this second meeting of the Steering Committee, especially Professor McClelland, Mr Mullen and Mr Beck who were attending for the first time. He also introduced Dr Janice Thompson, a Researcher in the Assembly, who was going to do some analysis of the responses received to the 16 October letter; and Vikki Greenwood who was joining the Support Team in February.
2. In a brief update on the work of the Review since the first meeting, he said that this fell into 3 main areas:
 - the continuing initial meetings with stakeholders;
 - discussion on the remit, structure and membership of the first 4 expert Working Committees; and
 - preparing papers and the arrangements for this second meeting.
3. The meetings with stakeholders were proving very informative and valuable. A key outcome of these was the need to consider revising the title of the project, to give due

emphasis to the fact that learning disability would be an integral part. The symbolism of such a change of title would be very powerful.

4. Following a thorough discussion, in which various views and possible titles were put forward, the meeting agreed on “The Review of Mental Health and Learning Disability (Northern Ireland)”.
5. Professor Bamford also advised members of the very useful meeting he and Professor McClelland had with Minister on 13 January. Further meetings were possible and regular updates would be provided for him.
6. As regards membership of the Steering Committee, discussions were continuing to identify possible representation from some other Departments and Agencies (eg PSNI and the Department of Education); and a user and carer on the learning disability side.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

7. These were agreed without amendment.

Matters Arising

8. Referring to Papers SC1/03, SC2/03 and SC3/03, Professor Bamford said that these were much fuller documents than were issued at the first meeting. Some replies were still expected to the 4 and 16 October letters. There were not many additional points in SC3/03 to those which were summarised for the first meeting.
9. As the intention was to prepare fully bound final versions of the responses to the initial 2 letters to stakeholders, a note only on those new responses received would be issued for the next meeting.

Proposed Terms of Reference

10. Introducing Paper SC4/03, Professor Bamford said that the Terms of Reference had been revised to take account of members’ comments at the first meeting. Members suggested the following further refinements:
 - Paragraph 2, bullet point 1: should also include a reference to recognising and enhancing the personal dignity of people with a mental health problem or a learning disability and their carers.
 - Paragraph 2, bullet point 4: omit “recent”.
 - Paragraph 2, bullet point 7: incapacity was broader than was mentioned in this bullet point; which should be revised accordingly.
 - Paragraph 3: should follow the same sequence as in paragraph 1.
 - On a general point, there should be reference to mental health “needs” rather than “problems”.

11. In response to a question about how the Review would address the management/structure of services, Professor Bamford advised that the Review's recommendations would be bedded in a broad economic context, would take account of workforce issues and would draw conclusions on appropriate management structures.
12. Professor Bamford thanked members for their comments. Taking these into account, the Support Team would revise the Terms of Reference for final agreement at the next meeting.

Values and Principles for the Review

13. Professors Bamford and McClelland introduced Papers SC5/03 and SC6/03 respectively. They were to be read together. Prompted by members' comments at the first meeting, the papers were prepared with the aim of anchoring the Committee's deliberations and providing something over and above the Terms of Reference, which would provide a strategic framework, goals and objectives for the project. They drew on papers prepared in the rest of Great Britain, the Republic of Ireland, and from comments received from members.
14. Once agreed, they would form part of the initial background papers for each Working Committee, to help guide their thoughts on agreeing their own specific Terms of Reference. It was important that the Steering Committee gave them clear directions such as these to help them take their work forward. SC5/03 was largely concerned with the Review process; while SC6/03 looked towards the Review's outcome.
15. Members welcomed the papers and suggested numerous minor revisions. The main ones were:

(a) Paper SC5/03

- Paragraph 1 – Change “consumer opinion” to “consumer expertise”.
- Paragraphs 1 and 2 – These should be stated in terms of the statutory equality obligations.
- Guiding Principles etc – “Involvement” should be replaced with “Partnership”.
- Last Section – “Progress” should read “Process.”
 - Bullet Points 3 and 4 – omit/redefine “specific”.
- A timetable of key stages/actions should be added.

(b) Paper SC6/03

- Again “Partnership” should replace “Involvement”.

- Values and Principles:
 - “treatment and care” should be replaced with “treatment, care and support”.
 - 4th bullet point – omit “where and when required”.
 - last bullet point – expand to refer to “opportunities for meaningful employment”.
- Framework goals/objectives:
 - refer to “children, young people, men and women”, rather than the separate references.
 - add new principles on staff/workforce issues and around providers.
 - include “Culture, Arts and Leisure” at top of third page.
 - add a principle on research.

16. Professor Bamford thanked members for their helpful comments. Taking account of these, he and Professor McClelland would revise the papers for the next meeting.

Proposed Remit, Structure and Membership of the Initial 4 Working Committees

17. Paper SC7/03 was tabled. Professor Bamford advised that good progress had been made in trying to finalise the membership of the First Wave of Working Committees. The Paper included the current proposals on these, plus an indication of a possible sub-structure. Work was ongoing, and the proposals were open for discussion/agreement. The aim was to establish these 4 Committees as quickly as possible.
18. Work on the Adult Mental Health Committee was most advanced. Professor McClelland was agreeable to letting his name go forward as the Convenor. This was the only definitive proposal on its composition. Members agreed the proposed Chair and membership, but also suggested:
- Brendan Armstrong (Foyle Trust) be approached;
 - the inclusion of a nursing representative;
 - each member’s location should be added.
19. Reference was also made of the interface between this Committee and the one proposed and Child and Adolescent Mental Health. Professor Bamford agreed to consider further whether this latter Committee should start early in the process. He

asked for any further nominations within the next few days, so that the Adult Mental Health Committee could meet for the first time around the end of February.

20. On the Learning Disability Committee, work was ongoing, with some possible members suggested. An updated note on proposals for this Committee would be brought to the next meeting.
21. Members approved the proposed Convenor (Martha McClelland) of the Social Justice and Citizenship Committee. Work was ongoing on its membership and proposed structure. Updated details would be provided at the next meeting.
22. Finally, on the Legal Issues Committee, some names had been suggested as members. These would include Dr Fred Browne. As regards a Convenor, Professor Bamford explained that he was looking at the possibility of a High Court Judge. He had written to the Lord Chief Justice for such a nomination. Of the initial 4 Committees, it seemed that it would be a few weeks before it became operational. An updated position report would be provided at the next meeting.

Generic Terms of Reference for the Working Committees

23. These, as outlined in Paper SC8/03, were agreed.

Consultation with Users and Carers

24. Given the pressure of time, Professor Bamford asked members to consider this paper so as to get agreement on its proposals at the next meeting.

Any Other Business

25. Members were issued with a copy of a DHSSPS Circular on Clinical Governance for their information. The Department planned a series of seminars, which Professor Bamford and McClelland and the Support Team would attend.
26. A flyer prepared by the Northern Ireland Association for Mental Health for the first of a series of seminars to help inform the Review was issued. Members would be invited to these, the first of which was on 2 May on the Cavan/Monaghan Project.
27. Professor Bamford advised that he understood that the Mental Health Promotion Strategy document was almost ready for publication. Copies would be sent to members at that time.

Conclusion

28. Professor Bamford thanked everyone for their participation. He stressed that a key issue now was to finalise the membership of the Committee for the next meeting.