

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

**FIFTH STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING, TUESDAY 29th APRIL 2003
AT THE LAGAN VALLEY ISLAND CENTRE, LISBURN**

Present:	Professor David Bamford (Chair)	Master Brian Hall
	Dr Walter Boyd	Dr Fred Browne
	Miss Maureen Dodd	Mrs Mary O'Boyle
	Dr Raman Kapur	Mr Patrick Convery
	Dr Paschal McKeown	Ms Eileen Sherrard
	Dr Oliver Shanks	Rev Trevor Williams
	Mr Colin Beck	Mrs Maureen McCartney
	Ms Marie Crossin	Mr Roy Keenan
	Professor Geoff Shepherd	Mr Michael Kelly
	Det S/tend Andrew Bailey	Ms Vikki Greenwood
	Mr Brian Dornan	
Apologies:	Professor Roy McClelland	Professor Tony McGleenan
	Mrs Martha McClelland	Mr Leslie Frew
	Professor Alan Ferguson	Mr Martin Daly
	Mr Winston McCartney	Mr Mark Timoney
	Dr John Hunter	Mr Neill Wilson
	Mr Brendan Mullen	Miss Joanne McDonald
	Dr John Owens	Ms Siobhan Bogue

Welcome and Introductions

1. Professor Bamford welcomed everyone to this fifth meeting of the Steering Committee. He especially welcomed Professor Geoff Shepherd, who was attending for the first time, and Karen Campbell, DHSSPS. He asked members to introduce themselves for their benefit.

The Regional Capitation Formula (Paper SC 22/03)

2. Karen Campbell spoke to Paper SC 22/03 on the Regional Capitation Formula. She explained how the allocations for each Board were derived, how the weighting allowance was obtained, that funds for Dementia Services were included in the Elderly Programme of Care, and that a Fourth Report on the formula was due to be published later this year, in time for the 2004/05 Board allocations.
3. In the time allocated for questions and discussion, a wide range of issues were raised, including:
 - How funding for the mental health and learning disability programmes compared to other programmes of care;
 - earmarking of funds by the Department;
 - allocations at sub-Board level;
 - the transparency of the process;
 - the need for transitional funding to facilitate re-allocation of resources;

- how costs pressures (e.g. on maintaining staffing levels) swallow up much of the new money;
 - that indicators of need/levels of disability should be built into the process; and
 - the fact that N Ireland had an integrated system of health and social services as compared to Great Britain.
4. Professor Bamford thanked Mrs Campbell for her helpful presentation. He suggested (and members agreed) that the issues around finance and the capitation formula needed examination by a small Working Committee. As a way forward, the issue would be discussed at the Convenors' meeting, with the aim of bringing a paper to the next Steering Committee, which would include proposals on the Committee's remit and membership.

Notes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising

5. The note of the last meeting was agreed without amendment.

Update on the Review (Paper SC 23/03)

6. Professor Bamford spoke to paper SC 23/03. He highlighted the lunchtime seminar held in Castle Buildings for DHSSPS staff, and his and Professor McClelland's meeting with David Bingham, Director of Human Resources, DHSSPS, who will be invited to a future Steering Committee meeting to speak on Workforce Issues.

Reports from Working Committees

7. The Convenors of the four current Working Committees gave an update on their work to date:

(i) Legal Issues – Master Brian Hall

The Committee has met twice and agreed the Chairs of 4 Sub Groups to progress the work – Maria McGinnity, David Bamford, Brian Hall and Fred Browne. Membership of these Sub Groups is being finalised, as well as a list of “experts” who can contribute to the Sub Groups' discussions. The next Committee meeting is on 6th June, to which members of the 4 Sub Groups will be invited, before they start their work.

Brian Hall also referred to a meeting which he and Professor Bamford held with Eithne Harkness, Office of Law Reform (OLR), on that organisation's proposed work on incapacity, which was planned to proceed ahead of this Review. This issue overlapped with the proposed work of the Forensic Services Committee and Legal Issues Sub Group 4, and close contact would be maintained with OLR.

(ii) Adult Mental Health – Professor Roy McClelland

In Professor McClelland's absence, Professor Bamford reported that the Committee's 2 Sub Groups have been meeting on a regular basis. Papers were being prepared on a number of specialist themes and issues. The full Committee meets again on 2nd June.

(iii) Learning Disability – Siobhan Bogue

A short report on the first meeting of this Committee, on 16th April, was tabled. In Siobhan Bogue's absence, Professor Bamford advised that the Committee had identified a large spectrum

of issues to be dealt with, including the development of User and Carer input to the Review. The next meeting is on 7th May.

(iv) Social Justice and Citizenship – Martha McClelland

In Martha McClelland's absence, Professor Bamford reported that the Committee is due to meet again on 6th May. Two Sub Groups, chaired by Lady Christine Eames and Leslie Frew, are being set up. Lady Eames' Group met for the first time on 15th April.

8. He also advised that for the next meeting, a paper would be issued which covered the remit and membership of all current Working Committees and their Sub Groups. He stressed the importance of the work which Siobhan Bogue's Committee and Martha McClelland's Committee would be doing to develop user and carer input to the Review.

Strategic Phasing of the Review's Recommendations (Paper SC 16/03)

9. Due to time constraints Professor Bamford asked members if this Paper could be dealt with by the Convenors' meeting, to be held after the Steering Committee meeting. Members agreed.

Convenors for 2nd Wave Working Committees

10. Members agreed Professor Bamford's proposal that Dr Diana Patterson, Shaftsbury Square Hospital, convene the Working Committee on Drugs and Alcohol Misuse, and that Professor Alan Ferguson, Chief Executive, NI Association for Mental Health, convene the Committee on Mental Health Promotion.
11. He advised that he was continuing to consult on the names of the Convenors for the last two Committees, and hoped to have proposals for the next meeting.

Dates of next meeting

12. This will be held at 10.30am in the Great Hall, Magee Campus, Londonderry on 27th May 2003. The June meeting (24th) will be held in the Seagoe Hotel, Portadown.

Any Other Business

(1) Geneva Prize

13. Professor Bamford asked members to note that Professor McClelland had been awarded the 2003 Prize of Geneva for Human Rights in Psychiatry. With members' agreement, he would write to Professor McClelland on behalf of the Steering Committee, congratulating him on this award.

(2) Information Requirements

14. Professor Bamford advised that Professor McClelland had drafted a paper on the Information Requirements of his Committee. Copies were issued to members. Again, due to time constraints, members agreed that this and related issues could be discussed at the Convenors' meeting.