

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

**41st STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING, TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2006,
IN THE PARK PLAZA HOTEL, ANTRIM, AT 10.00AM.**

Present:

Professor Roy McClelland	Master Brian Hall
Mr Glenn Houston	Dr Paschal McKeown
Mr Patrick Convery	Ms Eileen Sherrard
Professor Alan Ferguson	Miss Vikki Greenwood
Mr Roy Keenan	Dr Diana Patterson
Mrs Marie Crossin	Mr Brendan Mullen
Mr Leslie Frew	Mr Sean Ferrin
Mrs Martha McClelland	Rev Trevor Williams

Apologies:

Mrs Maureen Ferris	Dr Oliver Shanks
Mrs Mary O'Boyle	Dr David Cameron
Mr Brian Dornan	Dr Fred Browne
Mr Michael Kelly	Dr John Owens
Mrs Siobhan Bogues	Miss Joanne McDonald
Mr Nevin Ringland	Mr Martin Daly
Professor Geoff Shepherd	DI Gary Mullan
Ms Moira Davren	Mr Mark Timoney
Mr Colin Beck	Mr Bill Halliday

Welcome and Introduction

1. Professor McClelland welcomed everyone to the 41st meeting of the Committee. The apologies were noted.

Chair's Communications

(i) Request from DHSSPS Minister

2. Professor McClelland informed members of a request from the Minister, Mr. Paul Goggins, for advice on the 'further delay' in finalising the Review. He was unsure of the reasons behind this request, but he had replied as in **SC 59/06**

(which was tabled) setting out the current position: namely that all of the service-related reports were now in the public domain either as published reports or consultation documents; and that by the end of the year the Department would have a complete picture of the entire output from the Review.

3. He considered that the Department was, therefore, in a position to begin the process of drawing up its proposed Service Frameworks on mental health and learning disability.

(ii) Open day at Cranfield and SixMile Units, Muckamore Abbey Hospital

4. Professor McClelland thanked Dr. Oliver Shanks for representing the Review at this event.

(iii) Meeting with Mr. David Sissling, Chief Executive Designate, SHSSA

5. Professor McClelland informed members that he had met with Mr. Sissling the previous day to brief him on the Review. Mr. Sissling showed great interest in this work and had requested a copy of the Strategic Priorities Briefing paper. He had also accepted an invitation to attend the next meeting of the Steering Committee.

(iv) Miscellaneous

6. Professor McClelland drew members' attention to paper **SC 58/06**, which detailed his engagements during September and forthcoming Review events in October. Members had also received information (tabled) on the Action for Equality Conference in mid-October.

(v) Seminars for Senior Policy Makers

7. The first of these seminars was on 14th November and a letter of invitation had been sent to each Permanent Secretary seeking nominees. It had been agreed at the September Convenors' meeting that Marie Crossin and Martin Daly, as representatives of the Experts by Experience and Carers' Reference Groups respectively, should be part of the Review's team for this event. A Learning Disability representative would also be needed, plus Professor Alan Ferguson.

(vi) Meeting with MLAs

8. A further meeting with the MLA group had taken place on 8th September, each side updating each other on developments. The next meeting was planned for November, specifically to discuss the Review's legislative proposals.

(vii) Meeting with the Northern Ireland Office

9. Professor McClelland advised members that he, Dr Fred Browne and Dr Maria McGinnity had met with senior officials within the NIO to outline the Review's approach to legislative reform. This had been a most productive meeting. A further one was planned to discuss the specific issues around criminal justice. Similarly, a further meeting was planned with the Office of Law Reform.
10. Professor McClelland advised that further meetings were also planned with:
 - the Chief Executives designate of the 5 new Trusts;
 - the new CMO; and
 - the Permanent Secretaries' Group.

DHSSPS Implementation Plans

11. Leslie Frew reported that the appointment of a Director of Mental Health and Learning Disability had been approved by Minister. The recruitment advertisement was expected in around a month's time, with the appointment expected for early in the new year. The job description had not yet been finalised, however the current thinking was that the Director would act as an advisor to the Ministerial Team on issues of mental health and learning disability. The post would require expertise in these issues and a relevant professional qualification.
12. He stressed that the postholder was not expected to have significant executive powers or functions, focussing rather on an advisory role, acting as a change leader and facilitating networking among Departments. The Director would also lead the Inter-Departmental Task Group, overseeing the implementation work.
13. The Department could not finalise Service Frameworks until they had received all the Review reports. However, he expected that interim Service Frameworks could be produced to enable targets to be set and adopted for the 2007/08 financial year. The Department was working to this end.
14. Professor McClelland thanked Leslie for his presentation and then asked members if they had any questions.
15. The first of these related to the chain of management responsibility for the Director. Leslie responded that the Director would report to the Permanent Secretary of DHSSPS. However, the Director would no doubt work closely with both the Minister of Health specifically and the Ministerial Team generally.

16. Several members asked to what extent the Director would interface with the voluntary and community sectors. Leslie responded that as a change-leader and networker, the Director would doubtless wish to engage with these sectors to identify and disseminate good practice and advocate innovative projects. These sectors would also be involved in the Inter-Departmental Task Group.
17. Members welcomed the idea of interim Service Frameworks and stressed the importance that their targets were informed by the Review's reports and recommendations.
18. Leslie thanked members for their comments and stressed that in the final analysis the Review would be judged by the changes which occurred on the ground. As such, it was vitally important for the Review to consider how these service enhancements and improvements could be measured.

Note of The Last Meeting (SC 52/06)

19. The note was agreed as drafted.

Matters Arising

(i) Needs and Resources Costing Work

20. Glenn Houston advised that costing "Living Fuller Lives" and the Forensic Services report had been completed. Previous costings work had now been standardised.
21. Progress was well advanced on the committee's "Costs, Needs and Future Investment" paper. The work on this showed that over the last 10 years investment in mental health had fallen behind the rest of the UK, which was not quite the case for learning disability. It was also clear that strong arguments could be made for kick-starting extra investment, on "catch-up" and for a higher per capita spend; and for by-passing the Barnett formula, as the Appleby report had mentioned. Members agreed that the Review should state the full requirement on the additional resources needed, bearing in mind that it was over a 15-20 year period; and that the workforce was the key to implementing change.

(ii) Correspondence from PAPA and the Mental Health Commission.

22. Professor McClelland advised that responses had been issued to each of these correspondents and they were available in members' papers. The ASD paper was now being included as an annex to the Strategic Priorities report, where some cross-referencing would be done between the CAMHS and Adult Mental Health ASD recommendations and targets, and on re-prioritising the targets for the range of ASD services to Year 1.

23. The additional resources from DHSSPS for ASD services in the current year were noted, but that no priority had been given on how they should be spent. Members agreed that they should be spent in accordance with the Review's ASD report and that this should be emphasised to the Department.

(iii) Joint Experts by Experience/Carer paper

24. This had been finalised and Professor McClelland asked Martha McClelland and Marie Crossin to consider to whom in Government they wished to circulate it. It would become one of the Review's endorsed reports and would be posted on its website.

(iv) Workforce and Training

25. The 'Review' group was working to enhance the report, which would be brought to the Steering Committee in due course for approval.

Concluding Conference

26. Members were asked to note the latest draft of the programme (SC 55/06) for the conference. Noel Thompson had agreed to chair the event. The conference planning sub group was meeting again that afternoon, and any comments from the Steering Committee for this were welcome.

Strategic Priorities Paper and Briefing Paper (SC 56/06)

27. Work was ongoing to finalise these 2 papers. Paschal McKeown advised that she would be making some comments so that the briefing paper fully reflected learning disability.

Reports from Working Committees

Dementia and Mental Health Issues of Older People

28. Sean Ferrin advised that the stakeholder consultation was due to end on 29th September and that a meeting of the Committee was scheduled for 26th October to discuss the responses.

Human Rights & Equality of Opportunity and Forensic Services Reports

29. Both of these reports were at the printers and would be published in mid-October.

Social Justice and Citizenship

30. It was understood that the Promoting Social Inclusion report was to be issued for consultation shortly.

Mental Health Promotion

31. Professor Ferguson had met with his Committee recently to review progress. He was encouraged at their continuing commitment. They would continue to advocate the Review's conviction that there was no health without mental health. Continuing dialogue with MLAs and other stakeholders in Education etc was a key priority. The Committee planned to meet again in January.

Legal Issues

32. Brian Hall informed members that drafting of the report was ongoing. The key principles and the capacity based approach were widely agreed. He hoped that a draft report could be presented to the next meeting of the Steering Committee.

Date of Next Meeting

33. The next meeting was arranged for **Tuesday 21st November @ 10.00am**. The venue would be advised later.
34. Thereafter, there might be one last meeting in February or March 2007, depending on the progress in completing the Legal Issues report for printing and publication.