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### **1.0 Context**

The Executive Working Group on Mental Wellbeing, Resilience and Suicide Prevention will have a clear commitment across the Executive to joint working to improve mental wellbeing with suicide prevention as a central priority.

The primary functions of the Group are:

- To monitor and report on progress of relevant departmental actions.
- To determine additional actions in support of suicide prevention and mental wellbeing.
- To examine wider progress in relation to the implementation of the Protect Life 2 Strategy.
- To review existing cross-departmental co-ordination on suicide prevention.
- To consider cross-departmental actions to improve psychological resilience of hard to reach groups.
- To consider actions for reducing risk factors for suicide and for enhancing protective factors.
- To ensure inclusion of emotional wellbeing and resilience building within the new Mental Health Strategy.

### **2.0 Membership**

Membership will be The Northern Ireland Executive Committee; representatives (at a senior level / decision making level) of the key agencies or sectors with a responsibility for, and experience of, addressing suicide prevention issues and mental health and emotional wellbeing.

This will include senior representation from Department of Health and other Departments, and the Public Health Agency.

**Chair:** Minister for Health

**Secretariat Role:** Department of Health, Health Improvement Policy Branch

### **3.0 Schedule of Meetings**

- The Group will meet on a quarterly basis.
- Updates will be requested one month in advance (due 2 weeks before meeting).
- Papers and agenda to be shared minimum one week in advance. This will include agenda; notes of last meeting; progress report.