

Terms of Reference

Mental Health Strategic Reform Board

Governance Board for the implementation of the Mental Health Strategy 2021-31

Purpose The purpose of the Mental Health Strategic Reform Board ('the Board') is to provide strategic oversight, direction and governance for the implementation of the Mental Health Strategy 2021-31.

The Board will:

- Oversee of the implementation of the Mental Health Strategy 2021-31;
- Oversee the work to secure the funding required to deliver the actions in the Mental Health Strategy 2021-31;
- Monitor progress against agreed milestones, providing support and challenge, as necessary;
- Advise on contingencies and counter-measures to mitigate the impact of any potential risks to progress; and
- Expedite decision making should implementation issues require escalation.

Scope & Aims The Board's initial aim is to drive implementation of the Mental Health Strategy 2021-31.

In so doing, the overall objective is to improve the mental health of people in Northern Ireland. This is primarily about delivering good quality mental health services when they are needed and establishing how people can be best supported. This should also scope how mental health in the population as a whole can be promoted through prevention, early intervention and, where necessary, appropriate treatment and care.

Membership The Board will comprise:

- Grade 3 Department of Health (Chair)
- Relevant Director level membership across DoH - 3
- Mental Health Champion
- PHA – 1
- HSCB – 2
- PCC Representative - 1
- HSC Trusts Mental Health Directors – 5
- HSC Trusts Mental Health Service User Consultants – 5
- Carer's Representative – 2
- Departmental professional officers – 5 (with inclusion of psychology)

- Community & Voluntary Sector Representatives – 2

The implementation of the Mental Health Strategy 2021-31 is a long term project. Membership of the Board will therefore be kept under review and refreshed over time as required.

Secretariat support will be provided by the DoH Mental Health Strategy Delivery Unit.

The Board is designed to be streamlined. As such, it does not encompass all areas of the health and social care system. The onus is therefore on Board members to liaise, as appropriate and relevant, with others.

Reporting The Board will report to the Permanent Secretary and Minister.

Governance The Board will be supported by:

- The Mental Health Strategy Project Team (DoH Mental Health Strategy Delivery Unit) will lead on the overall implementation of the Strategy;
- An inter-departmental Working Group;
- A stakeholder Strategic Advisory Panel; and
- A virtual Reference Group.

Structures are summarised at **Annex A**.

Each action in the Strategy will have an assigned Responsible Owner, who will report on progress to the Strategy Project Team on standardised report cards.

Meeting Frequency It is anticipated that the Board will meet three times per year.

Review The Terms of Reference can be reviewed as required, and must be agreed by the Chair and subsequently the Board.

Structures of the Mental Health Strategy Implementation work

