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Dear Ms Boyce

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

I am writing to confirm that the Department of Health has now completed its search for the information which you requested on 4 August 2023.

You asked the following:

“The Mental Health Strategy 2012-2031 023/24 Delivery Plan, published on 1 August 2023, referenced a number of documents and pieces of information.

We are requesting the following documents and information:

- 1. Membership and ToR for Strategic Mental Health Reform Board.*
- 2. Membership and ToR for cross-departmental working group to support implementation of Mental Health Strategy.*
- 3. Membership and ToR for Clinical Care Network for Talking Therapies.*
- 4. Implementation plan and action plan for Regional Crisis Service.*
- 5. Implementation plan for Regional Mental Health Service.*
- 6. Independent report on the CVS sector structures and capacity.*
- 7. With reference to the series of co-design workshops held between December 2022 and March 2023 to assist with the development of the 2023/24 Delivery Plan, please provide details of the participation of service*

users and of carers. Please detail the relevant Trust/gender breakdown, as well how many of these were service user consultants, service user representatives, peer support workers, peer recovery trainers and CVS representatives.

Please include copies of information which you hold on paper or in electronic form. I would be grateful if you would supply this information in the form of photocopies or screen shots and, if possible, by email."

The Department's response is as follows:

1. The ToR for the Strategic Mental Health Reform Board is attached at attachment 1a with a list of the membership attached at 1b. Some names have been withheld under Section 40 of the FOI (Personal Information)
2. The ToR for the Cross-Departmental Working Group is attached at attachment 2a with a list of the membership attached at 2b. Some names have been withheld under Section 40 of the FOI (Personal Information)

Please note that TOR and membership lists for the Boards highlighted above are currently being updated to reflect recent staffing and structural changes. Updates will be presented to the respective Board for approval at their next meeting in November.

3. A Primary Care MDT Care Network for Mental Health, which Therapy Hubs fall under the remit of, is currently in the process of being established. As such, the Terms of Reference and membership of this group have not yet been finalised.
4. The implementation plan for the Regional Mental Health Crisis Service can be found at: <https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/health/doh-annexa-hscb-mh-crisis-service-implement-plan.PDF>
5. The implementation plan for the Regional Mental Health Service is being withheld under FOI Act 2000 Section 35(1)(a), Development of Government Policy, as the plan is at the draft stage. It is intended that this will be published following approval by the Strategic Mental Health Reform Board.
6. The independent report on the Community and Voluntary Sector is being withheld under FOI Act 2000 Section 22, Intended for Future Publication. It is intended that this will be published within the coming months.
7. Please see below table outlining available details of the participation of service users and carers at MHS co-design workshops. Please note other information requested including gender breakdown is not recorded.

Role	Trust
Service User Consultant	Southern
Service User Consultant	Western
Service User Consultant	Belfast

Service User Consultant	Northern
Service User Consultant	Southeastern
C&V Representative	N/A
C&V Representative	N/A
C&V Representative	N/A
C&V Representative	N/A
C&V Representative	N/A
C&V Representative	N/A
C&V Representative	N/A
C&V Representative	N/A
Service User Engagement Platform Representatives	N/A
Service User Engagement Platform Representatives	N/A
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If you feel that the information we have provided does not fully meet your request you have the right to request a formal review by the Department within two calendar months of the date of this letter. If you wish to do so, please write to Mr Brendan O'Neill (foi@health-ni.gov.uk), Annexe 3, Castle Buildings, Stormont, Belfast BT4 3SQ.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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