

**MENTAL WELFARE COMMISSION FOR SCOTLAND
MEETING OF THE BOARD
ON TUESDAY 15 MARCH 2016**

Present:

The Very Rev'd Dr Graham Forbes CBE
Mr Norman Dunning
Mrs Elaine Noad
Mr Nigel Henderson
Ms Jan Killeen
Mr Paul Dumbleton
Dr Sivasankaran Sashidharan
Ms Lesley Smith
Mrs Safaa Baxter

In Attendance:

Mr Colin McKay, Chief Executive
Ms Alison McRae, Head of Corporate Services
Dr Gary Morrison, Executive Director (Medical)
Mrs Alison Thomson, Executive Director (Nursing)
Mr Mike Diamond, Executive Director (Social Work)

Apologies

Ms Kate Fearnley – Executive Director – Engagement and Participation

Scottish Government mental health strategy

The Board presented its [proposed priorities](#) for the next mental health strategy to Lauren Murdoch from Directorate for Population Health. Ms Murdoch gave an overview of some of the findings from other consultation events on the new strategy.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received from Kate Fearnley

2. Announcements

None

3. Minutes of Board meeting held on 26 January 2016 (Paper)

The minutes of the above meeting were approved.

4. CEO Update

Visit reports – the learning disability [themed visit report](#) has been published. The first set of [local visits](#) has been published.

Website refresh – the look and feel of the [website](#) has been updated

Advance statement event – to publicise our publicity material on [advance statements](#) will take place on 17 March.

Our **Advisory Group** meeting was held on 25 February. Topics for discussion included our themed visits for 2016/17 and review of legislation.

Social Work Lead Officers Meeting – our annual meeting was held 19 February with 24 of the 32 local authorities sending representatives

Investigations – we aim to have a draft report by June for the investigation requested by Scottish Ministers

Homicide investigations – a proposal on how to review homicides committed by individuals currently, or recently, using mental health services has been sent to the Scottish Government

Review of learning disability and autism in Mental Health Act – SCLD and the Commission will be overseeing a scoping exercise to inform a wider review on whether people with learning disability and autism continue to be covered by mental health legislation.

Emergency detention and MHO consent – following some media articles about the low level of MHO consent, the Scottish Government has asked us to do some further analysis. This is underway and a meeting with Glasgow social work department for later in the month has been arranged.

5. Items for discussion and/or approval

5.1 *Business Plan (Paper)*

The [Business Plan](#) for 2016/17 was approved with minor amendments.

5.2 *Engagement Strategy for Individuals and Carers (Paper)*

The [strategy](#) was approved with minor amendments.

5.3 *Scottish Government AWI Consultation (Paper)*

The draft response was agreed with the [final response](#) being finalised after the meeting.

5.4 *Financial Review (Paper)*

The paper was noted

5.5 *Draft Budget 2016-17 (Paper)*

The draft budget was approved.

5.6 *Policy Reviews (Papers)*

5.6.1 *Standing Orders*

The Standing orders were approved. The Board approved the membership of the Audit Committee and Advisory Group for 2016/17

5.6.2 *Standing Financial Instructions (SFIs) Policy*

The SFIs were approved.

5.6.3 *Fraud Prevention and Investigations Policy*

The policy was approved.

5.7 *Audit Committee Annual Report (Paper)*

The Board noted the paper and approved the objectives for 2016/17.

6. Items for Information

6.1 *Risk Management Strategy (Paper)*

The strategy was approved. It was noted that an improvement could be to highlight the key risks to the Board rather than the entire risk universe. This will be considered for next year.

6.2 *Executive Director Social Work Annual Report (Paper)*

The paper was noted.

6.3 *Draft Investigatory Powers Bill (Paper)*

The paper was noted.

6.4 *Consultation Response Prisoner Mental Health Care Network (Paper)*

The paper was noted

7. Any Other Business

The Chair warmly thanked Jan Killeen for her contribution to the Commission over the last eight years.

8. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 10 May 2016

