Policy Forum for Ireland Keynote Seminar
Priorities for mental health care in Ireland: promoting awareness and ensuring effective access pathways in adult care and the future for child mental health services
Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 24th October 2018
Venue: The Alexander Hotel, 41-47 Fenian Street, Dublin 2

Agenda subject to change

8.30 - 9.00  Registration and coffee

9.00 - 9.05  Chair’s opening remarks
James Browne TD, Member, Joint Committee on the Future of Mental Health Care

9.05 - 9.35  Next steps for mental health policy in Ireland
Jim Daly TD, Minister of State at the Department of Health with special responsibility for Mental Health and Older People
Questions and comments from the floor

9.35 - 9.45  Key issues in the reform of children’s mental health care
Senator Joan Freeman, Chairperson, Joint Committee on the Future of Mental Health Care

9.45 - 10.35  Improving early intervention, access and transitions in care - the delivery of children’s mental health services
Dr Joseph Duffy, Chief Executive Officer, Jigsaw
Patsy McCaughey, Deputy Principal, The High School, Dublin
Dr Shari McDaid, Director, Mental Health Reform
Dr Amanda Burke, Executive Clinical Director, Galway/Roscommon Mental Health Services
Aoife Menton, former Chair, Infant and Perinatal Mental Health Interest Group, Psychological Society of Ireland
Questions and comments from the floor with Senator Joan Freeman, Chairperson, Joint Committee on the Future of Mental Health Care

10.35 - 10.40  Chair’s closing remarks
James Browne TD, Member, Joint Committee on the Future of Mental Health Care

10.40 - 11.10  Coffee

11.10 - 11.15  Chair’s opening remarks
Seán Crowe TD, Member, Joint Committee on the Future of Mental Health Care

11.15 - 11.45  Raising awareness of mental health issues in the workplace
John Saunders, Chief Executive Officer, Shine and Director, See Change - The National Stigma Reduction Programme
Paula Lawlor, National Programme Manager, Suicide or Survive
Questions and comments from the floor

11.45 - 12.35  Tackling stigma, developing effective care pathways and ensuring patient participation across all age groups
Cindy O’Shea, Irish Regional Director, Samaritans
Lisa Molloy, Chief Executive Officer, Irish Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy
Barbara Brennan, Mental Health Consultant
Dr Brian Osborne, Assistant Medical Director, ICGP
Dr Miriam Kennedy, Consultant Psychiatrist, General Adult and Later Life Psychiatry, Highfield Healthcare
Questions and comments from the floor

12.35 - 12.55  Next steps for strengthening standards of mental health services
Dr Susan Finerty, Inspector of Mental Health Services, Mental Health Commission
Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 - 13.00  Chair’s and Policy Forum for Ireland closing remarks
Seán Crowe TD, Member, Joint Committee on the Future of Mental Health Care
Roger Greer, Associate Producer, Policy Forum for Ireland