Policy Forum for Ireland keynote seminar
Next steps for Mental Health Policy in Ireland
Timing: All-day, Thursday, 28th April 2022
*****Taking Place Online*****

Agenda subject to change

8.30 Registration

9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
John Lahart TD, Member, Sub Committee on Mental Health

9.05 **Key priorities for mental health policy in Ireland in the context of COVID-19**
Mary Butler TD, Minister of State for Mental Health and Older People
Questions and comments from the floor

9.30 Break

9.35 **Adult mental health services - tackling the effects of the pandemic, meeting the increased demand for mental health services, and improving the quality of care**
Paul Gilligan, Chief Executive Officer, St Patricks Mental Health Services
Martin Rogan, Chief Executive Officer, Mental Health Ireland
Nicola Byrne, Chief Executive Officer, Shine
Questions and comments from the floor

10.20 **Chair's closing remarks**
John Lahart TD, Member, Sub Committee on Mental Health

10.25 Break

10.30 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senator Annie Hoey, Member, Sub-Committee on Mental Health

10.35 **The mental health and social care workforce - recruitment, retention, and support for the physical and mental wellbeing of staff**
Dr William Flannery, President, College of Psychiatrists of Ireland
Dr Joseph Duffy, Chief Executive Officer, Jigsaw
Éamonn Donnelly, Head, Health & Welfare division, Fórsa
Professor Fiona McNicholas, Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children, Crumlin; and Professor, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, University College Dublin
Questions and comments from the floor

11.25 **Improving the standards of mental health provision**
Gary Kiernan, Director of Regulation, Mental Health Commission
Questions and comments from the floor

11.45 Break

11.50 **Delivery of mental health policy - priorities for funding, achieving value for money, and the coherent organisation of services**
Professor Mary Cannon, Professor of Psychiatry Epidemiology and Youth Mental Health, Department of Psychiatry, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) University of Medicine and Health Sciences, Dublin
Dr Margo Wrigley, National Clinical Lead for the Specialist Perinatal Mental Health Programme, Health Service Executive
Dominic Layden, Chief Executive Officer, Aware Ireland
Dr Siobhán Mulhern-Haughey, Market Access and Reimbursement Manager, Mood Disorders, Janssen Pharmaceuticals
Questions and comments from the floor

12.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senator Annie Hoey, Member, Sub-Committee on Mental Health

12.45 Break

13.40 **Chair's opening remarks**
Neasa Hourigan TD, Green Party Spokesperson on Health

13.45 **Addressing the mental health needs of children in the context of COVID-19**
John Church, Chief Executive, The Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (ISPCC)

13.55 **Mental health provision for children - addressing the increased demand for children's services in the context of COVID-19 and ensuring high standards in individual care**
Colma Nic Lughadha, National Co-ordinator for Children and Young People's Services Committees, Commissioning Unit, Tusla Child and Family Agency
Dr Ike Okafor, Consultant, Paediatric Emergency Medicine, Temple Street, Children's Health Ireland

14.10 Questions and comments from the floor

14.35 **Chair's closing remarks**
Neasa Hourigan TD, Green Party Spokesperson on Health

14.40 Break

14.45 **Chair's opening remarks**
John Lahart TD, Member, Sub Committee on Mental Health

14.50 **Tackling major depression in Ireland**
Professor Veronica O'Keane, Associate Professor Consultant, Psychiatry, Trinity College Dublin

15.00 **Mental health policy in more severe cases - tackling stigma and delivering high quality patient care and services**
Fiona Coyle, Chief Executive Officer, Mental Health Reform
Professor Ella Arensman, Professor of Public Mental Health, School of Public Health and National Suicide Research Foundation, University College Cork
Angela Walsh, Head of Service Mental Health, Dublin North City and County, Health Service Executive

15.15 Questions and comments from the floor

15.45 Break

15.50 **Improving the quality of mental health care and patient safety moving forward**
John Lahart TD, Member, Sub Committee on Mental Health
Questions and comments from the floor

16.10 **Policy Forum for Ireland closing remarks**
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Ireland

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