

**Policy Forum for Ireland keynote seminar**  
**Next steps for improving mental health care in Ireland - prevention and access, workforce priorities, CAMHS and assessing national strategy**

*Timing: Morning, Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020*



*Agenda subject to change*

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**James Browne TD**, Spokesperson on Mental Health, Fianna Fáil
- 9.05 **Next steps for mental health policy in Ireland**  
**Colm Desmond**, Assistant Secretary, Corporate Legislation, Mental Health, Drugs Policy and Food Safety Division, Department of Health  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 Break
- 9.40 **Improving prevention, intervention, and access to mental health services**  
**Kevin Cullen**, Director, Work Research Centre  
**Kate Mitchell**, Senior Policy and Research Officer, Mental Health Reform  
**Dr Karen O'Connor**, National Clinical Lead, Early Intervention Psychosis, HSE  
**Dr Martin Daly**, Member, GP Committee, Irish Medical Organisation  
**Michael Ryan**, National Head, Mental Health Engagement and Recovery, HSE  
**Patrick Reilly**, Traveller Mental Health Worker, Pavee Point Traveller and Roma Centre  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**James Browne TD**, Spokesperson on Mental Health, Fianna Fáil
- 10.45 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Pat Buckley TD**, Spokesperson on Mental Health, Sinn Féin
- 11.00 **Priorities for mental health workforce - training, recruitment and retention, and developing an appropriate skill mix**  
**Michael Hayes**, Deputy General Secretary, Psychiatric Nurses Association of Ireland  
**Professor Colm McDonald**, Professor of Psychiatry, NUI Galway and Vice Dean, NUIG Deanery, The College of Psychiatrists of Ireland  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 Break
- 11.45 **Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services - improving early support, prevention and collaboration to deliver high quality services**  
**Michael McLoughlin**, Head, Advocacy and Communications, Youth Work Ireland  
**Dr Joseph Duffy**, Chief Executive Officer, JIGSAW  
**Dr Brendan Doody**, Clinical Director, Linn Dara Children and Adolescent Mental Health services, HSE  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Improving standards in the delivery of mental health services**  
**Dr Susan Finnerty**, Inspector of Mental Health Services, Mental Health Commission  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Ireland closing remarks**  
**Pat Buckley TD**, Spokesperson on Mental Health, Sinn Féin  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Ireland