

**Policy Forum for Ireland keynote seminar
Next steps for Mental Health Policy in Ireland**

Timing: All-day, Thursday, 28th April 2022

*****Taking Place Online*****

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Mark Ward TD, Sinn Fein Spokesperson on Health
- 9.05 **Key priorities for mental health policy in Ireland following 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 **Next steps for 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
Commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Chair's closing remarks**
Mark Ward TD, Sinn Fein Spokesperson on 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
Sinéad O'Brien, Executive Clinical Director, Cork MHS; and Consultant Psychiatrist-HBCT, EIP and Aisling Nua Day Hospital
Dr Joseph Duffy, Chief Executive Officer, Jigsaw
Senior representative, trade union
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.20 **Improving the standards of mental health provision**
Senior representative, regulation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 Break
- 11.45 **The delivery of mental health policy - priorities for funding, achieving value for money, and the coherent organisation of services**
Professor Mary Cannon, Professor of Psychiatry, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
Dr Margo Wrigley, National Clinical Lead for the Specialist Perinatal Mental Health Programme, Health Service Executive
Dominic Layden, Chief Executive Officer, Aware Ireland
Senior representative, local authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senator Annie Hoey, Member, Sub-Committee on Mental Health
- 12.35 Break



- 13.30 **Chair's opening remarks**
Neasa Hourigan TD, Green Party Spokesperson on Health
- 13.35 **Addressing the mental health needs of children post-COVID**
Senior representative, social work
- 13.45 **Next steps for mental health provision for children - addressing the increased demand for children's services in the wake of COVID-19 and ensuring high standards in individual care**
Professor Sinead McGilloway, Founder Director, Centre for Mental Health and Community Research, Maynooth University
Emma Dolan, Clinical Director, Pieta House
Senior representative, healthcare workforce children
Senior representative, inspectorate
- 14.05 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**
Deputy John Lahart, Member, Sub Committee on Mental Health
- 14.50 **Key priorities for mental health policy in more severe cases - tackling stigma and delivering quality patient care focusing on personal autonomy and dignity**
Fiona Coyle, Chief Executive Officer, Mental Health Reform
Senior representative, psychiatric workforce
Senior representative, law/human rights
Questions and comments from the floor
- 15.40 Break
- 15.45 **Key priorities for improving the quality of mental health care and patient safety**
Senior representative, health service
Questions and comments from the floor
- 16.10 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Ireland closing remarks**
Deputy John Lahart, Member, Sub Committee on Mental Health
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Ireland