

**PiP Partnership Committee Strategic Meeting**

**Thursday 5th September 2024 10am**

**Council Suite 1&2 James House**

- 1. Introductions & Apologies**
- 2. Minutes from March meeting**
- 3. Strategic Review of Research and Evidence in Social Work**
- 4. Dates of Future meeting: 5 December 2024**

**Professional in Practice Partnership Committee  
Strategic Workshop**

**Wednesday, 3 September 10.00am.  
James House**

Notes

**Attendance:**

Roslyn Dougherty	Chair
Gloria Kirwin	External Assessor
Eileen McKay	Assistant Director: BHSC
Elaine Pollock	Interim Head of Service: SEHSCT obo Fiona Gunn
Tina O'Reilly	PiP Lead: Voluntary and Community Sector
Marita Magennis	Assistant Director: SHSCT
Denise MacDermott	Chair of PiP Approval Panel
Noeleen Higgins	Professional Officer: British Association of Social Work
Emer Loughran	Assistant Director, Probation Board for Northern Ireland
Davy Hayes	PiP Lead: Queen's University Belfast
Campbell Killick	Subject Lead; Ulster University
Debbie Grieves	Course Director: Ulster University
Brenda Horgan	Head of Service: SHSCT

**In Attendance:**

Tracey Reid	Chief Executive: Social Care Council
Gillian McAuley	Professional Adviser: Social Care Council
Heather Graham	Professional Adviser: Social Care Council
Catherine Maguire	Head of Workforce Development: Social Care Council
Mandy Cowden	Professional Adviser: Social Care Council
Nicola Lewis	PiP Team Leader: Social Care Council (minute taker)
Bria Mongan	Board Member: Social Care Council
Carol Diffin	Board Member: Social Care Council
Fiona Rowan	Professional Social Work Officer: Department of Health

**Apologies:**

Adrian Nugent	Head of Education Welfare Services: EANI
Stephen McLaughlin	Assistant Director: WHSCT
Michaela Glover	Head of Social Work Governance: SPPG
Gillian McAllister	Acting Deputy Director: Youth Justice Agency
Stephen Thompson	Service Manager: Children's Court Guardian Agency for Northern Ireland
Gillian Montgomery	Director of Operations: Probation Board for Northern Ireland
Jennifer Hamilton	Head of School: Ulster University
Lee Wilson	Assistant Director: NHSCT
Ursula Crickard	Assistant Director, Children's Court Guardian Agency
Maura McMackin	Senior Consultant: HSCNI Leadership Centre

		Action
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	
1.1	<p>The Chair opened the meeting, and completed a round of introductions.</p> <p>Tracy Reid joined the meeting as the new Chief Executive of the Social Care Council to introduce herself to the PiP Partnership Members.</p>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Declaration of Interest</b>	
2.1	None noted.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Chair's Business</b>	
3.1	<p><u>Independent Visitors</u></p> <p>The independent visitors panel report is currently in its final draft and work is underway to plan for sharing. Reports will be shared with the relevant teams in due course.</p> <p>EMcK advised that IPD had used some surplus funding to hold a workshop. This was a positive day, with good partnership working. It is proposed that another workshop will be planned for the 2025/26 year.</p> <p>DG raised a query around widening access beyond Trusts, with generic content to represent all sectors and programmes. EMcK indicated that this could be further discussed at JMG. CM also suggested that the PiP Partnership could look at this.</p> <p><b>Action: PiP Partnership to look at this</b></p>	
3.2	<p><u>Terms of Reference</u></p> <p>The Chair confirmed that the Terms of Reference have now been endorsed by the Board. They will be due for review again in 2027.</p>	
3.3	<p><u>Deputies for Partnership Members</u></p> <p>The Chair thanked all members who have provided a designated deputy, and asked that anyone still to do so contacts Nicola Lewis.</p>	
3.4	<p><u>2024/25 Business Report</u></p> <p>The written Business Report will be shared with the notes of this meeting.</p>	
3.5	<p><u>Research Methods</u></p> <p>The Chair confirmed that following a meeting between UU and the Social Care Council on 8th September an update will be provided at the next Partnership meeting in December.</p>	
3.6	<u>Key Representatives from Department of Health</u>	

	CM confirmed that Edel Walsh and Susan Ritchie were unavailable to attend the meeting, however will be invited to attend the February Strategic meeting to present on updates from both the Framework for Integrated Therapeutic Care (FITC), and Career Pathway work.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Approval of Minutes and Actions from previous Meeting</b>	
4.1	The previous minutes were shared in advance of the meeting and confirmed by members.	
<b>5</b>	<b>Adult Protection Bill</b>	
5.1	<p>Fiona Rowan, Professional Social Work Officer: Department of Health attended the meeting to provide an overview of the Adult Protection Bill.</p> <p>A copy of the slides will be shared following the meeting.</p>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Group Discussions</b>	
	<p>Following the presentation from Fiona members split into working groups to consider the Strengths, Opportunities and Aspirations from the Adult Protection Bill.</p> <p><u>Strengths:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult Safeguarding and Protection training is already provided within the PIP Framework. A lot of people are already trained</li> <li>• Interdisciplinary learning and working together.</li> <li>• There has been a lot of work done, a lot of ground covered, will take a long time to implement, which means there is time to align with PIP</li> <li>• Agility of PiP Framework to respond to different levels of training – WBLR.</li> </ul> <p><u>Opportunities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Could develop research opportunities for evidence-based interventions.</li> <li>• Target training to where it is needed, and using different parts of the framework (Work based learning route).</li> <li>• Parity with Children's Social Workers. Map adult safeguarding with children's safeguarding.</li> <li>• Ensure that APSW (Adult Protection Social Work) training is incorporated into PIP Framework – Recognised Professional Qualification.</li> <li>• Remuneration for staff taking on more complex role and more responsibility, with protection work.</li> <li>• Look at systemic issues and societal problems. Issues around coercion in relationships and influence of social media, ethics, values and practice dilemmas.</li> <li>• Whole sector approach to meet the needs of whole region, consistency.</li> </ul>	

	<p><u>Aspirations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote the responsibility of all employers to adequately train staff.</li> <li>• Regionally agreed training – accessible to all sectors and co-produced, co-facilitated.</li> <li>• Focus on prevention and early intervention and resources behind this. Focus on community and person-centred work.</li> <li>• Work based learning route Programme – Flexibility to respond to issues emerging at a specialist level and targeted modules / parts of programme for specific roles.</li> <li>• Hybrid approach to teaching. Academic and work-based assessment.</li> </ul> <p><u>Challenges</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the APSW the correct title?</li> <li>• Multi Agency Focus</li> <li>• Finance Assessment</li> <li>• Interface with Duty of Candour</li> </ul>	
<b>7.</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
	NA	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Date of Next Meetings</b>	
	2025 PiP Awards: Lisburn Civic Centre 17 September 2025 Business Meeting: 11 December 2025	

**Signed: Roslyn Dougherty, Chair of PiP Partnership Committee**



**11 December 2025**