

OUTLINE OF ORGANISATIONAL MODULES APRIL – JUNE 2024

The Inquiry intends to hear the following evidence modules in April – June 2024:

- M1: Patient Advocacy and Representation
- M2: Professional Education
- M3: Professional Regulation
- M4: Police Role in Safeguarding and Responding to Allegations
- M5: RQIA and MHC
- M6: Resettlement
- M7: MAH Operational Management
- M8: Professional Organisation and Oversight
- M9: Trust Board
- M10: Department of Health

M1: Patient Advocacy and Representation

An examination of the role and effectiveness of bodies and organisations with responsibility for representing the interests of patients, including the work of the PCC and groups such as Bryson Care, Mencap and the National Autistic Society. The module will also consider the process of communication with patients and their families and involvement in review tribunals.

Paras 10 - 13 Terms of Reference.¹

M2: Professional Education

Evidence from the University sector on issues arising from professional education in the field of learning disability.

Paras 9 and 17 ToR.

¹ References in this document to paragraphs of the Terms of Reference are for general guidance only. It may transpire, of course, that individual witness evidence will assist with other paragraphs not linked to the module in this summary.

M3: Professional Regulation

Evidence from the GMC and NMC concerning referrals of those working at MAH and the outcome of investigations and an examination of the competencies expected of those working in learning disability nursing.

Paras 10 – 13 ToR.

M4: Police Role in Safeguarding and Responding to Allegations

An examination of the PSNI role in the Joint Protocol and the effectiveness of historical and current arrangements. The module will also address statistical breakdown and analysis of historical staff on patient complaints and outcomes.

Para 13 ToR.

M5: RQIA and MHC

A module devoted to the mechanics and effectiveness of RQIA inspection, including corporate response to Inquiry and evidence from front line inspectors. The module will also consider the prior role and effectiveness of MHC.

Para 13 ToR.

M6: Resettlement

An examination of the mechanics and effectiveness of the process of resettlement, including: NIHE evidence on infrastructure for supported living; NISCC on training and standards for social care workers in learning disability services; BHSCT on mechanics and effectiveness of present and historical processes; consideration of issues identified in the Report of the Independent Review of the Learning Disability Resettlement Programme (2022).

Para 16 ToR.

M7: MAH Operational Management

This module straddles BHSCT management of MAH at directorate level and core group internal management of the hospital. The module includes evidence from persons involved, past and present, in the management of the hospital.

Across ToR.

M8: Professional Organisation and Oversight

An examination of broad organisational matters and methods of oversight, including: PHA advice re commissioning and involvement in Level 3 SAs; evidence from SPPG/HSCB regarding effectiveness of oversight of commissioning arrangements and staff contracts in field of learning disability; NIPEC on organisation and oversight of nursing arrangements in field of learning disability.

Paras 9, 10 – 13, 17 and 18 – 19 ToR.

M9: Trust Board

The evidence of persons in positions of responsibility for MAH, past and present, at BHSCT Board level.

Across ToR.

M10: Department of Health

The evidence of persons in positions of responsibility for MAH and relevant professional standards, systems and processes, past and present, at Department level.

Across ToR.

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