## Social Work In Disability (SWID) Special Interests Group Meeting 11.09.2024

Chairperson: Richie Wallace

Secretary: Catherine Rafter

**Location : MS TEAMS**

**Matters Arising**

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1. **Update From PDS Group**

* In July a letter was sent to the HSE highlighting concerns of the 6 professional bodies (inc. IASW) in regard to the challenges of the PDS model and implications of the Road Map. A subsequent meeting was held with Ann Bourke (HSE PDS Lead), Caroline Canton (HSE PDS office) & Rose Garren (HSE Clinical Lead). Liam Keogh attended meeting on behalf of IASW along with reps from OT, Psych, PT, Dietetics & SLT professional bodies. Points representing views of each body were raised. There was conclusive outcome from this meeting.
* Roll out of Road Map: it would appear that not all of working groups agreed by WRC have yet to commence. CDNT clinicians are primarily represented through Forsa reps on groups. Agreed it would be helpful to have an update summary from SWID/Forsa reps for next meeting on progress of groups – Aisling McGory & Catherine Rafter
* Children’s respite & residential briefing document and recommendations was submitted in June 2023, to Minister Rabbitte and the minister convened follow up meeting which was in general positive. Agreed that IASW would write to the Minster Rabbitte to request a follow up meeting or seek clarification around engagement. Subgroup to draft letter and Richie agreed to link with IASW office to coordinate.
* Discussion also arose in regard to CDNT relationship with HSE case manager role – highlighted overlapping and lack of clarity in roles when supporting crisis cases.
* Petition has been created by Physios call on the Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly to intervene in the HSE decision to exclude Health and Social Care Professionals from the Senior Management Team in the new HSE Health Regions. Please find attached link. http://forsatradeunion.newsweaver.com/singlemessagetest/4yuqkolg672106doyf0cer/external?email=true&a=5&p=64645148&t=30089540

**Update for Adult Subgroup(Ciara Lynam)**

* A number of Social Workers in adult services are hoping to have a national meeting of SWs currently working in adult disability. Ciara said it was agreed by IASW that this invite could be circulated to non-IASW members also. Ciara will forward on script to Catherine (secretary) for distribution.

**Children with Disabilities in Residential care**

* Concern raised by members in regard to what appears to be a two-tire system for children with disabilities not under Tusla care. Epic will not accept as they are not in Tusla care.
* Not the same level of oversight of placements or alternative planning once children enter residential
* Agreed to raise at PDS subgroup.

**Disability Advisory Group (DAG)**

* DAG have a number of working subgroups, currently 5 Snr Social Workers attached to DAG subgroups and they are gaps for Social Representation on other subgroups. Ciara Lynam and Aine Carr can be contacted for additional information on what is entailed, if any member has an interest in being part of DAG. Typically meet once quarterly and can be an expectation of tasks allocated in between meetings.

**SWID Annual Conference**

* SWID committee to s confirm date for conference most likely in Spring 2025. Would welcome suggested Themes from members. Will need a subgroup to support. Catherine to email IASW admin to circulate call out for volunteers.

**SIG Meetings.**

IASW Requirement for 4 meetings per year. Will look to review SWID ToR to reflect activity of subgroup which should be considered as SIG meetings.

**AGM**

Suggested date for AGM is 4th December at 3pm.

Next SWID Meeting: Agreed dates for 2025 will be circulated following AGM and when committee in place.