

Summary Minutes of the Strategic Advisory Board (SAB) on 12th September 2024

Present:		Apologies:	
Alistair Mawhinney	SAB Chair (A), Assistant Director, Supporting People	Elma Newberry	SAB Chair (A), Regional Services, NIHE
Lynsay Magill	Head of Development Services, Development Programme Group (DPG), NIHE	Jennifer Hawthorne	Director of Housing Services, NIHE
Seamus Leheny	Committee Representing Independent Supporting People Providers (CRISPP) – Observer	Ailbhe Hickey	Assistant Director, Land and Regeneration Services, NIHE
Nicola McCrudden	Committee Representing Independent Supporting People Providers (CRISPP) – Observer	Catherine Cassidy	Strategic Planning and Performance Group (SPPG)
Deirdre McQuaid	Department for Communities (DfC) – Observer	Liz Arthur	Probation Board for Northern Ireland (PBNI)
Mark McGuicken	Department of Health (DoH)	Maria Watson	Department of Justice (DoJ)
Michele Bell	Department of Justice (DoJ)	Gillian Hynes	Department for Communities (DfC) – Observer
Brian O’Kane	Assistant Director of Housing Services, NIHE		
Colin McCloy	Housing Services, NIHE		
In Attendance:		Apologies:	
Bernie Crossan	Supporting People, NIHE		Supporting People, NIHE

Laura O'Neill	Supporting People, NIHE	Brian McAtasney	Supporting People, NIHE
Sinead Twomey	Supporting People, NIHE		
Alfred Abolarin	Supporting People, NIHE		
Christine Boyle	Supporting People, NIHE (SAB Secretariat)		

Summary Minute

Finance Report

SP received an additional £4.8m on top of the allocated budget of £80.694m.

The budget process is currently underway, and SP are working on Three Year Financial Plans.

Supporting People Communications and Engagement

Recent external and internal SP engagement and events included:

- SP carried out a Presentation to the Rural Community Network
- The Housing Executive's Director of Regional Services and Assistant Director of SP attended a SP and ARC Executive Exchange Meeting.
- SP attended the CRISPP Committee Meeting in September
- SP are facilitating a workshop at the Housing Executive Staff Conference to raise awareness across NIHE of SP services.

Contract Management and Business as Usual Activity

The focus of the Older People Thematic Area included:

- The digital switchover and emergency pullcord systems services.
- Queries from providers regarding the Fundamental Review of Allocations (FRA).
- A reconfiguration of Lanthorne Mews from shared to single-occupancy accommodation.
- A service moving from Crumlin to Ballymena to allow for self-contained accommodation.
- Work is continuing with the BHSCT in respect of dementia services.
- Hub and Spoke pilot in Newcastle.

The focus of the Young People Thematic Area included:

- The outworkings of the Strategic Review of Jointly Commissioned Services for Young People.
- Local Planning Partnership Groups (LPPGs) that have been established across all Trust areas.
- Ongoing work with colleagues in the Strategic Investment Board with regards to joint funding.
- Collaborative work with Housing Services, internal and external stakeholders on the Youth Homelessness Strategy.

There were no updates from the Disability and Mental Health and Homelessness Thematic Areas.