NCSE Working Group on a Model of Support for Additional Care Needs

2nd Meeting: 1st August 2017 11:00- 4:00

MINUTES

Present: Eamon Stack (Chairperson), Brendan Doody, Marion Meaney, Marie Mulvihill, Aine Lynch, Lorraine Dempsey, Helen Guinan, Pat Goff, Peter Archer, Frank Moran, Adam Harris, Jim Mulkerrins, Teresa Griffin, Mary Byrne

Apologies: Maria McCarthy, Anne Tansey, Áine McElearney, Bernie McNally,

Introductions for new members

The Chairperson introduced Frank Moran.....who had been unable to attend the first meeting of the group. He also introduced two new members who had joined the group since the first meeting – Jim Mulkerrins, PO, Department of Education and Skills and Marie Mulvihill, PO Department of Public Expenditure and Reform.

Ethical Matters relating to Working Group

The Chairperson explained that in line with the NCSE code of conduct members of the working group are required to be honest and open with regard to conflicts of interest (either real or perceived). Members may not use their position for personal gain in business, political or social relationships. He also emphasised the need for confidentiality while the working group formulates its proposal.

A note on the Lobbying Act was circulated to members and is attached with these minutes.

Minutes/Matters Arising

Minutes of the meeting on 17th July were approved. There were no matters arising that were not on the meeting's agenda.

Report from Advisory Group Meeting

The working group considered the report of the Advisory group from their meeting on 24th /25th July under the following headings:

- a. Explanatory note on Term of Reference
- b. Explanatory note on Outcomes
- c. What needs must be met?
- d. By whom must needs be met?
- e. Why must the needs be met?
- f. How should support be allocated and deployed?
- g. When should support be provided?
- h. Where should support be provided?
- i. Guiding Principles

It was agreed that the report from the Advisory Group would be amended in line with the points made by the working group. Further work is required particularly on points d),f) and i) above.

Model of Support

The group held a preliminary discussion on the model of support and referred this to the advisory group for further work.

AOB

It was agreed that research and policy reports relevant to the work of the group will be provided electronically.

A number of hard copies of papers relating to the meeting of the working group will be available at each meeting of the group.

Members were again requested to provide a short biog to be circulated to group members.