

3 December 2021

SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING

Held in Dunsilly Hotel, 20 Dunsilly Road, Antrim, BT41 2JH

Present: Alyson Kilpatrick, Chief Commissioner
Helen Henderson
Jonathan Kearney
David A Lavery CB
Eddie Rooney
Stephen White

In attendance: David Russell, Chief Executive
Lorraine Hamill, Director (Finance, Personnel and
Corporate Affairs)
Claire Martin, Director (Engagement and
Communications)
Rhyannon Blythe, Director (Legal, Research and
Investigations, and Advice to Government)
Éilis Haughey, Director of Human Rights after EU
Withdrawal
Rebecca Magee, Personal Assistant

1. Human Rights, Drug Addiction and Substance Misuse in Northern Ireland – Project Plan proposal

- 1.1 Commissioners discussed the Human Rights, Drug Addiction and Substance Misuse in Northern Ireland – Project Plan proposal.
- 1.2 Following discussion Commissioners agreed that the proposal was to remain narrow in scope but highlight any possible areas that require further focus and that the scoping paper is presented before a decision is made on taking this work forward.

Action: Scoping paper to be presented once initial research is done before a decision to continue further is made.

2. Legal challenge following Reproductive and Sexual Education (RSE) Investigation notification letter

2.1 The Director (Legal, Research and Investigations, and Advice to Government) provided background to Commissioners on a legal challenge following receipt of a notification letter sent in regards to the Reproductive and Sexual Education (RSE) Investigation.

2.2 Commissioners discussed the legal challenge and agreed to seek Senior Counsel's opinion.

Action: Senior Counsel's opinion to be sought in regards to the legal challenge.