

Harris Review Meeting 4
12:00 – 16:00, 5 June 2014, Room 9.09A
102 Petty France, London SW1H 9AJ

Present

Chair: Lord Toby Harris (TH)

Panel Members: Philip Leach (PL), Deborah Coles (DC), Matilda MacAttram (MM), Meng Aw Yong (MAY)

The Harris Review Secretariat: Deborah Browne (DB), Robyn Malan de Merindol (RM)

By Telephone: Dinesh Maganty (DM), Richard Shepherd (RS)

For Item 3: Sarah Morton (SM) and Jorgen Lovbaake (JL)

For Item 6: Natasha Thompson (NT)

Secretariat note: the lines to both RS and DM were unsatisfactory and failed constantly during the meeting.

Apologies: Stephen Cragg (SC), Graham Towl (GT),

Minutes of meeting 15.05.2014

1. The minutes of the meeting on 15.05.2014 were agreed as a true record.

Action Log Update

2. The meeting reviewed the actions update. It was noted that it was decided that earlier stakeholder hearings should be with officials from government departments, but other stakeholder would be heard from during the course of the next few months. It was suggested that it might be useful to have some hearings outside of London.
3. DC asked for her concern about the lack of commitment from MoJ to properly publicise the Review to be minuted. It was felt that more assistance from the MoJ would have been a demonstration of their support for the Review. This view was supported by TH and other panel members. DC also suggested that she raise this at the MBDC on 17 June which is being chaired by Damian Green.

Action 41: Secretariat to circulate the current, working list of deaths in scope for the Review, as provided by NOMS.

Action 42: Secretariat to alert the panel when the tender for the family hearings goes live on the MoJ website.

Action 43: Secretariat to talk to MM about the structure of the planned meeting with stakeholders on 25 September.

Action 44: Secretariat circulate the full stakeholder list of people alerted to the call for submissions to panel.

Action 45: Secretariat to work with DM to get the analysis of clinical evidence underway with the Specialist Registrars.

Action 46: PL will share with panel members and secretariat details of the meeting of the Inquest Lawyers Group meeting, for panel member and secretariat member to attend.

(Secretary's note, SM and JL joined the meeting.)

Research update

4. JL talked through Paper 14-06-05 C on common themes and key findings.
5. It was pointed out that a number of recommendations from other reports, including the Fatally Flawed report and the Zahid Mubarek report, were not included. It was also felt that more should be included on staff training, particularly quality assurance of staff training, mental health, suicide prevention, particularly following up on and implementing recommendations, and also recommendations from more international publications.
6. JL explained that the inclusion criteria for the paper mean that subjects had to be raised multiple times to be considered, and some reports were considered too dated given current practice. He agreed, however, to look through the studies again to look in particular at the topics the panel raised.
7. SM and JL updated the panel on the literature review, and asked the panel for their views on what should be included. Key topics suggested were recorded by the secretariat to send on to SM.

Action 47: SM to include all these suggestions in the specification of the more in-depth literature review being commissioned from University of Greenwich who will also send out requests to other academic groups and any experts the panel suggests.

8. Greenwich University will provide emerging findings in late August and the final report in September, Professor Darrick Joliffe is leading the work. MoJ analysts will provide close oversight of the work.
9. The methodology and anticipated output of the qualitative research proposal was discussed. It was felt that there would also be merit in speaking to staff who had no experience in self inflicted death.

Action 48: SM will provide a link to the Contract Finder to the panel when the tendering for this work goes live.

(Secretary's note, SM and JL left the meeting.)

Emerging findings

10. There was some discussion of some of the issues that have been emerging from hearings so far.
11. It was agreed that it would not be most appropriate or effective for the official summary to be a verbatim account, but if panel members picked up certain key points or impressions that were not recorded, these would be kept in a separate list to be followed up as appropriate.

(Secretary's note NT joined the meeting.)

ACCT Document

12. 13. NT provided the background to the introduction of ACCT, which was first reviewed in 2009 by Manchester University. This review led to Prison Service Instruction 64/2011. NT took the panel through the document.
13. 14. Basic training for all Prisoner Officer Entry Level Training (POELT) lasts 3 - 4 hours as part of their wider Safer Custody training. In addition, a case manager received one day training, ACCT Assessor training is 2 days, mental Health training for POELTs is 3 – 4 hours and the enhanced Mental Health training package is 0.5 day. There are one or two learning days for safer custody staff per year and all safer custody leads deliver local training following on from quarterly safer custody meetings. In addition to this, Quick Time Learning Bulletins are accessible to all staff.
14. 15. Governors need to Quality Assure their ACCT documents, on average 2% of prisoners are on an open ACCT at any time.
15. Action 54: Secretariat to check if 'System 1' (information sharing with NHS) is available at prison reception.

16. 16. ACCT can be opened by a Band 4 or equivalent grade, ACCT Assessors will be a minimum of Band 4. The Custodial Manager who is in charge of the care map will be a Band 4 or 5.
17. Action 51: Secretariat to circulate to the panel the 2013 published findings on Young People, Females and Risks and Triggers.
18. Action 52: Secretariat to circulate details of the NOMS safer custody audit to the panel.
19. Action 53: The secretariat are to collate a number of questions following on from this meeting that will be sent to NOMS as part of the Harris Review's list of official questions.

AOB

20. 17. The meeting discussed prison visits, availability and preferences. The panel would like to review the locations to visit in the prison protocol document.

Action 49: Secretariat circulate Prison Protocol document.