

Public Hearing – Objectives and structure for event

1. Background

The Harris Review is keen to consider a broad range of evidence and information in order to reach the most effective conclusions. In addition to the public call for submissions and hearings with key stakeholders, the Panel will hold a public event to provide an opportunity for anyone who would like to contribute to the Review and who would prefer to give oral evidence or views directly.

The event will take place between 2.00-4.30pm on Thursday 25 September at the National Council for Voluntary Organisations Society Building, 8 All Saints Street, London N1 9RL.

2. Objectives of public hearing

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to enable anyone who would like to be heard to have an opportunity to do so. The panel are enabled to hear from people who would like to contribute without making a formal written submission.

3. Invitation

See invitation annexed to this plan. The event is being publicised via: MoJ Twitter; IAP website; CLINKS; Tudor Trust; No Offence and contacts on the Harris Review stakeholder list and the IAP main practitioner and stakeholder distribution list

Booking will be managed using the Eventbrite website and 65 places (maximum) will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

The invitation explains to attendees that this is their opportunity to tell the Panel something they think the Review should know about or feel strongly about within the key topics.

4. Content

Suggested structure

Agenda	Explanation	Time
Welcome and Introductions	<p>TH welcomes attendees to event. TH introduces purpose of Harris Review and outlines his role.</p> <p>Each panel member introduces themselves and explains why the Review is important to them.</p>	<p>14:00</p> <p>14.10</p>
Purpose of event and how it will be structured	<p>TH explains how the event will run. How contributions will be recorded and whether comments are attributable.</p>	14.25
<p>Topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaison and Diversion of young adults • Dealing with mental illness of young adults in the criminal justice system • Activity and regimes in prisons and their impact on prisoner well-being • The importance of prisoner-staff relationships • The role of families in maintaining the mental health and well-being of young adults in custody • Other 	<p>Each topic is introduced by a panel member, who says why it is important to the review. Topic is then opened to the floor, for people to volunteer information, opinion or evidence. TH to chair to ensure comments taken by topic as far as possible.</p> <p>Lead panel member indicates to whom microphone should be given next to give view/ evidence.</p> <p>Microphones to be provided to person speaking for the length of their contribution.</p> <p>Each topic is to last approximately 20 minutes, timed by the secretariat.</p> <p>For 'other', the panel will open up to the floor to raise any other topics people feel should be raised.</p> <p>Secretariat will take notes.</p>	14:30
Close	<p>Short summary and conclusion from TH and Panel. Attendees leave with understanding that they will receive a summary of the event and how it will contribute to the Review.</p>	16.30

Public Hearing Invitation

The Harris Review into self-inflicted deaths in National Offender Management Service custody of 18-24 year olds is holding a Public Hearing on Thursday **25 September, 14:00 - 16:30, at the National Council for Voluntary Organisations Society Building, 8 All Saints Street, London N1 9RL.**

The purpose of the Review is to make recommendations to reduce the risk of future self-inflicted deaths in custody and will focus on themes including vulnerability, information sharing, safety, staff prisoner relationships, family contact, and staff training. More details about the Harris Review can be found at:

<http://iapdeathsincustody.independent.gov.uk/harris-review>.

The Harris Review Panel, led by Lord Toby Harris, is keen to consider a broad range of evidence and information in order to reach the best conclusions. Earlier this year we published a public call for written submissions, and in addition we have been conducting a number of hearings with key stakeholders.

We are also holding a public event to provide an opportunity for anyone who would like to contribute to the Review and who would prefer to give oral evidence or views directly. There will be an opportunity for attendees to offer information, evidence and opinions for the Panel's consideration. The Review is being conducted in an open manner and we are committed to ensuring that everyone who would like to contribute has an opportunity to do so. A summary of the issues raised will be published after the event.

While attendees will be given an opportunity to raise other points, the event will be structured around the key topics of:

- Liaison and Diversion of young adults
- Dealing with mental illness of young adults in the criminal justice system
- Activity and regimes in prisons and their impact on prisoner well-being
- The importance of prisoner-staff relationships
- The role of families in maintaining the mental health and well being of young adults in custody.

If you would like to attend, **please register via this link <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/> and search for Harris Review Public Hearing.** There are 65 places which will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Call 0300 0475 719 or 0300 0475 728 if you have a question about this event.