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Research Committee Minutes

13 February 2023, Virtual

Present
Dr Joe Judge, Chair
Mr Jim Farish
Ms Michele Gilluley
Dr Aileen Burnett

In Attendance
Mr Mark McSherry, Chief Executive
Mr Geoff Tordzro-Taylor, Head of Development
Mrs Debbie Campbell, Head of OLR
Mrs Rachel Webb, Development Lead

Apologies
Mr Paul Keoghan, Director Corporate Services

Welcome

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 14:00 and welcomed all present.

Apologies

2. The Chair noted apologies submitted for Mr Paul Keoghan.

Declarations of Interest

3. The Chair called for declarations of interest.

4. The Chair noted no declarations were submitted.

Approval of Previous Minutes

5. The Committee reviewed and approved the minutes from the Research Committee held on the 24 October 2022.

Matters Arising

6. The Board noted no matters arising. The Chair highlighted there were two open actions. The first was to add a communication plan to the research proposal for the research examining victim profiles of those victim to an offence committed by an individual subject to an OLR. The Head of Development detailed that this action remains outstanding but will be done when we review this proposal before this

research is commenced. The second action was for the Chief Executive to circulate a paper in relation to the IPP sentence. The Head of OLR detailed that an overview of this paper was provided at a Board meeting therefore the action could be closed.

Corporate Governance

7. **Review Committee Self-evaluation Report – Committee Paper 008**

   7.1. The Chair presented the Research Committee Self-evaluation Reports to the Committee for discussion and approval. There was discussion about an annual report being produced for each Committee which would be written by the Chair. Additionally, there was discussion regarding reviewing standing orders and the scheme of delegation.

   7.2. The Head of Development mentioned that he will complete his certificate of assurance soon and this will involve reviewing Framework for Research Governance Management (FRGMA). A paper will go to the Research Committee detailing this review and any outcomes.

   7.3. The Committee expressed an interest in an overview or awareness session regarding FRGMA.

   7.4. The Chief Executive also noted there had been a conversation at another Committee about training in relation to Board and Committee roles.

   7.5. In regards to question 31 the Committee agreed the answer is yes

   7.6. The Committee approved the Self -evaluation Report.

   Action: Develop and deliver presentation on the FRGMA for Board members

8. **Committee Terms of Reference and Member Composition – Committee Paper 009**

   8.1. The Chair presented the Terms of Reference and Member Composition for the Committee for approval. There was a brief discussion about keeping this under review and reviewing the scheme of delegation particularly if the Committee are approving projects. Action to review the TOR alongside scheme of delegation.

   8.2. The Committee noted and approved the Committee Terms of Reference and Member Composition.

   Action: To review TOR alongside scheme of delegation

Ongoing Projects

9. **Update on Ongoing Projects – Committee Paper 010**

   9.1. The Development Lead presented an update in relation to the ongoing research projects including the internet offending pilot, OLR research (offending behaviour, Psychopathy and personality Disorder) and the What Works Review to the Committee for noting. There was discussion about statistical packages available such as R as well as discussion around the presentation of text in publications.

   9.2. The Committee discussed and noted the update on the Ongoing Projects.

10. **Qualitative Study – Committee Paper 011**

    10.1. The Head of OLR presented the Qualitative Study to the Committee for approval. The Committee welcomed the report noting how interesting it was to read. There was discussion about how the findings of this research will feed into the OLR review project and that this research is another important step in us gathering evidence relating to the OLR population. The Chief Executive highlighted that we need to consider our communication of the findings and that the research feeds into broader discussions of things we might want to consider for Standards and Guidelines. There was also a question regarding publication with the Committee highlighting that it should be submitted to a journal for publication.

    10.2. The Chief Executive thanked the team for all the work involved in producing the research.

    10.3. The Committee discussed and agreed the Qualitative Study will go to the Board for review.

    Action: Consider publication format after the Board has reviewed the report

11. **OLR Review – Committee Paper 012**

    11.1. The Head of OLR presented the OLR Review to the Committee for noting, highlighting that work was progressing and that cases were currently being coded. It was noted that cases will be coded from when the OLR became available until the end of this financial year to ensure dataset is as up to date as possible. The Head of OLR added that there are already some noticeable difficulties being observed such as recommendations made at the time of the Risk Assessment Report that haven't been implemented. There was a question as to whether there were any examples that could be provided to which the Head of OLR mentioned there have been recommendations for specialist therapy to be completed before programme work however this has not been done. The Head of OLR added that there will also be an internal review to examine how we manage the OLR internally which will take approximately 12 months.

11.2. The Members discussed and noted the contents of the OLR Review.

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12. No matters to report

<u>Date of Next Meeting</u>

13. The Committee noted the next meeting is scheduled for 19 June 2023

14. The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 15:06