

**MINUTES: RESEARCH COMMITTEE  
16 OCTOBER 2023, 14:00, VIRTUAL**

**Present**

Dr Joe Judge, Chair  
Ms Michele Gilluley  
Mr James Maybee

**In Attendance**

Mr Mark McSherry, Chief Executive  
Mr Paul Keoghan, Director Corporate Services  
Mr Geoffrey Tordzro-Taylor, Head of Development  
Mrs Rachel Webb, Development Lead

**Welcome**

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 14:15 and welcomed all present.

**Apologies**

2. The Chair noted apologies submitted for Ms Debbie Campbell.

**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 19 June 2023.

**Matters Arising**

6. The Committee noted that the following actions - amend log of recommendations to include RAG status and review dates (19/06), amend log of recommendations to include RAG status and review dates (19/06) and review if research proposal can be extracted from the PID (19/06) were completed and could be closed. There was a discussion regarding an open action to consider the ethical approval process. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next Committee meeting alongside reviewing the FRGMA chapter on ethics. Additionally, it was discussed that existing actions should be assigned to the Head of Development rather than the RMA.

**Action: A new item will be added to the agenda for the next meeting to consider the ethical approval process.**

### **Agenda Items**

#### **7. Updates on Ongoing Projects – Committee Paper 017**

- 7.1. The Development Lead and Head of Development Lead presented updates in relation to ongoing research projects.
- 7.2. Members discussed the internet offending pilot, OLR research projects and SAFERR.
- 7.3. The Committee noted the update on the Ongoing Projects.

#### **8. Updates on External Research – Committee Paper 014**

- 8.1. The Chief Executive presented the External Research paper to the Committee advising of a research outline for an external research project which aims to explore artificial intelligence and Justice Social Work assessments.
- 8.2. Members discussed the project. The Chief Executive noted that if the research proceeds, which is dependent on funding being secured, then a proposal will come to Committee.
- 8.3. The Committee noted the outline of the proposed research.

#### **9. Recommendations from Research Publications – Committee Paper 019**

- 9.1. The Head of Development presented the Research Recommendations to the Committee for review.
- 9.2. The Committee noted the status of each recommendation.

### **Other Competent Business**

- 10. No matters to report

### **Date of Next Meeting**

- 11. The Committee noted the next meeting is scheduled for 26th February 2024
- 12. The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 15:00