

Psychology Workforce Forum Summary notes

Notes of the meeting of the Psychology Workforce Forum at the NZPB office Wellington, Tuesday 22 May 2018

The notes from the meeting on Tuesday 20 February 2018 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

1. Welcomes and introductions.

2. Matters Arising

• Data re career progression for psychologists

Paul Skirrow noted that data collection was ongoing- some challenges in getting good data from Corrections/ACC and more needed. Also need to include PHOs/private practitioners. Suggestion of broadening the scope of the research to include e.g. terms and conditions of employment, professional development, recognition of seniority etc.

It was noted

- that some private practitioners leave the public system and earn less but are much happier
- Malcolm Stewart's study will yield useful information
- There is a lack of KPIs for psychologists
- The data from the career progression study will be useful for looking at the workforce and for employers in terms of remuneration and making use of the psychologist workforce

• Malcolm Stewart's letter to John Crawshaw

It was agreed that John Crawshaw had responded positively to the letter regarding university training places and that he was waiting for guidance from the Minister. The letter will be considered by the university Heads of schools. It was noted that it would be good to have the letter go to the Vice Chancellors also.

3. General Business

• Debrief of Workforce Taskforce Group Meeting

It was noted that progress was being made and that a change of government was assisting this.

There was a discussion of the MOH's interest in IAPT with the following noted

- The Kings Fund was a useful source of information on the UK IAPT model
- The UK IAPT did not have enough psychologist input
- Leadership by psychologists leads to better outcomes
- Good governance of the models of care is important

It was noted re the MOH IAPT pilot for 18-25 year olds

- More detail needed
- Unlikely to see economic benefits with such a narrow age band
- Robust evaluation will be needed
- Need to let John Crawshaw know we would like to assist with the planning of this pilot

Action: John Fitzgerald to write to John Crawshaw offering assistance from the PWF

4. Mental Health and Addictions Inquiry

Discussion of public meetings related to the Inquiry. Also noted

- Deadline for submissions is 5 June
- Concern that outcomes will be too broad to bring about actual change
- The Chair of the Inquiry has noted he wants to come up with a workable number of recommendations

5. Other business

Terence Edwards indicated that this would be his last meeting.

Action:

The replacement for Marc Wilson for the University Heads of Department will be invited.

Next Meeting -21 August at NZPB- Malcolm Stewart to chair.