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Mental Health Commission

The Mental Health Commission has welcomed the publication of the Second Interim Report: Recommended action arising from progress made to date, by the Joint Committee on the Future of Mental Health Care.

The purpose of the Joint Committee's work is to achieve cross-party agreement on a single long term vision for the future of mental health care in Ireland. The Committee's preliminary findings are focussed on three key areas, namely: Primary Care, Recruitment and Funding.

Commenting on this interim report John Saunders, Chair of the Mental Health Commission said, "We welcome the report, which captures the preliminary findings of the Committee's work to date. It not only charts progress made and identifies areas of focus, but it also draws attention to the steps which need to be taken in order to bring about real and lasting change, for the individuals currently receiving mental health care in Ireland, but also the policy changes that are required to ensure we have a fit for purpose modern mental health care service. We welcome the recommendations and would encourage all involved to act on them as a priority.

The Committee's preliminary findings have quite rightly identified the interdependence of the delivery of primary care, recruitment and funding. These gaps represent significant issues and there are real challenges, which if not addressed, are going to impact mental health care provision in Ireland now and into the future."

The Commission looks forward to supporting the Joint Committee in its work and to the publication of the final report which is expected on 31st October 2018.

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