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## 1 Introduction

This strategy builds on the [Stakeholder Involvement and Feedback Strategy 2014-17](#). It deals specifically with our engagement with organisations and professional groups, and sits alongside the [Engagement Strategy for Individuals and Carers](#).

## 2 Our stakeholders

Our organisational and professional stakeholders are:

- Organisations seeking to influence public policy in mental health, learning disability and dementia
- Providers of mental health, learning disability and dementia services
- Professional organisations.

## 3 Advisory Committee

The advisory committee is a standing committee of the Board. It has representatives from 27 stakeholder groups and meets twice a year. Its remit is to give advice on the functions and ongoing work of the Commission. It advises the Commission on its strategic plan and annual business plan, and helps us shape our visiting and monitoring work and our priorities for good practice guides and on how the Commission can get useful stakeholder feedback on its work. Its members represent key national stakeholder organisations, including lived experience and carer organisations.

A lack of representation from minority groups, including black and minority ethnic (BME) and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people was identified in the Engagement Strategy for Individuals and Carers. LGBT Health has now joined the Advisory Committee.

### **We will:**

- Seek to meet with a group of BME organisations to explore how best to ensure their input.

## 4 Engaging with organisational stakeholders

### 4.1 Engagement with professional groups

The Executive Directors for the three professions have good existing links with professional nursing, medical and social work bodies, and these bodies are represented on the Advisory Committee.

We meet regularly with the following professional bodies:

Royal College of Psychiatrists	Quarterly	ED – Medical
RCPsych Clinical Directors in Psychiatry Subcommittee	3 times per year	ED – Medical
RCPsych Faculty of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Executive	Quarterly	Practitioner lead HD
RCPsych Learning Disability Group	Quarterly	Practitioner lead MW
RCPsych Perinatal Faculty	Attend annual conference	Practitioner lead JB
Royal College of GPs	Annually	ED – Medical
General Medical Council	Annually and as required re specific issues	ED – Medical
Scottish ECT Accreditation Network Steering Group, Standards Group, Report Writing Group	3 times per year plus speak at annual conference & training conference	ED – Medical
Maternal Mental Health Scotland	Annual AGM & conference	Practitioner lead JB
UK Maternal Mental Health Alliance	3 times per year	Practitioner lead JB
Templeton Expert Group (on perinatal and infant mental health)	Annual	Practitioner lead JB
Law Society Mental Health and Disability Committee	3-4 times per year	CE
Mental Health Nurses Forum	Quarterly	ED – Nursing
Social Work Scotland Mental Health Subgroup	Attend meetings quarterly	ED – Social Work
Social Work Scotland Learning Disability Subgroup	Attend meetings bimonthly	Practitioner lead IC
National Preventive Mechanism	Biannual (full NPM) Biannual (Scotland Subgroup) Biannual (Mental Health Subgroup) Quarterly (Children and Young People's Subgroup)	CE & practitioner lead IC  Practitioner lead HD
NDPB Chief Executives	Quarterly	CE or HOCS

We have identified a gap in relation to allied health professionals.

**We will:**

- Seek an annual meeting with the OT Network (ED – Nursing)

#### **4.2 Engagement with NHS Boards and social work**

We hold annual end of year meetings with health boards and social work departments to give and receive feedback on our visiting work.

We hold an annual event for heads of social work.

The ED – Medical meets Clinical directors three times a year.

We engage frequently at local level in relation to our visiting programme, and as required when escalating recommendations.

We have identified Heads of Psychology Services, Medical Directors and the GMC as a further groups we need to engage with.

**We will:**

- Seek an annual meeting with the Heads of Psychology Services (ED - Medical)
- Seek to meet with the GMC annually (ED – Medical)
- Seek to meet Medical Directors annually (ED – Medical)

#### **4.3 Engagement with national statutory organisations**

Regular meetings at Executive group level with key national statutory organisations allow us to share our priorities and information on current and planned activity and areas of potential partnership working.

We have existing MOUs with the following key statutory partners which specify regular meetings.

<i>Organisation</i>	<i>MOU clause on meetings</i>	<i>Lead</i>
Healthcare Improvement Scotland	Annual (in practice meet quarterly with less senior personnel)	CE ED – Nursing
Mental Health Tribunal Scotland	6 monthly	ED – Social Work
Care Inspectorate	6 monthly Annual meeting of chief executives (currently quarterly)	ED – Nursing CE
Office of the Public Guardian	Not specified in MOU, currently meet 6 monthly	CE ED – Social Work
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman	Annual	ED – Medical
Health & Safety Executive	Annual discussions, with face-to-face meetings if required	ED – Medical

The lead for the HSE and SPSO may be reviewed in relation to work on how investigations are managed.

We meet regularly with the Scottish Government sponsor team (HOCS), but have identified a need to meet the Division Head.

**We will:**

- Seek to reinstate annual meetings for the CE with HIS at senior level
- Seek an annual meeting between the CE and the Division Head at the Scottish Government.

**4.4 Engagement with national voluntary sector organisations and other statutory organisations**

To date we have met with some national statutory organisations with which we do not have a MOU, and with national voluntary sector organisations, on an ad hoc basis, usually in relation to specific issues, and we regularly work with these organisations on areas of common interest. Many of these organisations are also members of our Advisory Committee. We are also observers on the Scottish Mental Health partnership, which brings together the mental health organisations in the list in relation to influencing Government policy and strategy.



However, we have not had regular strategic meetings with key organisations in order to ensure that we are aware of each other’s priorities and to share information on current and planned activity and areas of potential partnership working.

Over the next three years we will seek to increase our engagement with other key national stakeholder organisations through meetings at a senior level. This is in addition to the programme of meetings with national and local groups of people with lived experience and of carers set out in the Engagement Strategy for Individuals and Carers, which focus on hearing the lived experience of individuals rather than strategic an policy matters.

We will prioritise meeting with national groups with a strong policy presence, in order to co-ordinate and consult on our influencing and challenging work and share our respective priorities. Each year, we will prioritise meeting with those organisations we have had least recent contact with, or where we identify strategic reasons for meeting.

**We will seek to meet at senior level with at least 6 of the following organisations each year:**

Enable	ED – E & P
Mental Health Foundation	ED – E & P
Scottish Commission on Learning Disability	ED – E & P
Scottish Association for Mental Health	ED – E & P
Alzheimer Scotland	ED – E & P
Carers’ Trust	ED – E & P
People First	ED – E & P
Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance	ED – E & P
Scottish Recovery Network	ED – E & P
See Me	ED – E & P
Scottish Human Rights Commission Chair and Commissioners	CE
Children’s Commissioner	ED – E&P & practitioner lead MF

**4.5 Ad hoc engagement**

We will from time to time have engagement with particular organisational stakeholders in support of individual projects, for example in preparation for themed visits, such as ASD organisations for the planned themed visit; or a range of justice bodies to explore mental health and justice issues.



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