

## **Sub-Committee on Mental Health**

### **Orders of Reference, September 2023**

1. That a sub-Committee of the Joint Committee on Health be established (to be called the sub-Committee on Mental Health) pursuant to Standing Order 96(2). The sub-Committee shall examine –
  - a. matters related to the progress being made in implementing the national mental health policy - Sharing the Vision
  - b. when a. above is completed, such other matters related to mental health services as may be referred to it by the Joint Committee from time to time.
2. The sub-Committee on Mental Health (sub-Committee) shall have the powers defined in Standing Order 96(1), (3), (4), (5), (7), (8), (9) and (10) (Dáil) and 72(1), (3), (4) (5), (7), (8), (9) and (10) (Seanad).
3. The sub-Committee shall be a Joint sub-Committee and comprise 6 Members of the Joint Committee on Health, of whom at least 2 shall be Members of Dáil Éireann and at least 2 shall be Members of Seanad Éireann;
4. The quorum of the sub-Committee shall be 3, of whom at least 1 shall be a Member of Dáil Éireann and 1 a Member of Seanad Éireann.
5. The Cathaoirleach of the sub-Committee shall be Senator Frances Black, unless otherwise agreed by members of the sub-Committee.
6. The sub-Committee shall agree its work programme with the Joint Committee on Health and provide progress reports to the Joint Committee at least three times a year, or on request by the Health Committee. The first such report shall be provided by the end of 2023.
7. The sub-Committee shall not consider any matter which has been, is being or is due to be examined by the Joint Committee on Health.
8. Pursuant to Dáil Standing Order 106 (3) and Seanad Standing Order 84(2), respective Members of Dáil and Seanad Éireann, not being members of a Select Committee, may attend and take part in proceedings of the sub-Committee without having a right to vote or to move motions. Regular attendance or contributions of such members may be acknowledged by the sub-Committee when it reports.
9. The sub-Committee shall not duplicate the work of any other Select or Sub Committee and shall liaise with any such Committee where it intends to examine any matter also under the remit of such Committee.