MENTAL HEALTH REFORM’S VISION

An Ireland where everyone can access the support they need in their community to achieve their best possible mental health.

OUR MISSION

To be the unifying voice that drives progressive reform of mental health services and supports in Ireland.

OUR COLLECTIVE GOALS FOR IRELAND’S MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM

Policy/Law
- Political priority
- Adequate funding
- Legal reform
- Refreshed national mental health policy

Services (Access/Quality)
- 24/7
- Holistic
- Recovery-orientated
- Advocacy supports
- Adequate staffing
- Positive role of NGOs
- Carers support
- A mental health information system

Social and economic rights
- Good quality housing
- Adequate income
- Good quality employment opportunities
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I am pleased to share with you Mental Health Reform’s annual report for 2017. This has been another busy year for the coalition, as we continue to advocate for better mental health services and supports for everyone in Ireland.

Mental Health Reform was further strengthened in 2017 with nine new organisations joining as members. At the end of 2017, Mental Health Reform had a membership of 63 organisations. Our supporter base has continued to grow steadily. In 2017, our social media support grew by nearly 20% across all platforms. This additional support has had a very tangible impact on the success of our collective advocacy.

The coalition engaged very actively with the Government, the HSE and other public agencies throughout 2017 as well as publishing high quality research to inform the development of Ireland’s mental health system.

This work included:

- Demonstrating the best practice approach to supported employment by completing the Integrating Employment and Mental Health Supports (IEMHS) project;
- Developing and distributing the My Voice Matters national survey on people’s experiences of mental health services;
- Empowering people with experience of homelessness and mental health through the Homeless Adults Speak Out on Mental Health project, in partnership with the Dublin Simon Community, including publishing the Homelessness and Mental Health: Voices of Experience report;
- Harnessing public support for improved mental health services and conducting the successful #InOurHourOfNeed campaign for out-of-office-hours mental health services;
- Highlighting the advocacy needs of people living in the community by publishing the Advocacy Needs of Mental Health Service Users Living in the Community report;
- Implementing a strategic advocacy campaign for reform of the Mental Health Act, 2001;
- Making six comprehensive policy submissions to the Oireachtas, Government and public agencies;
- Exploring the role of technology in mental health service delivery, holding the first national seminar on eMental Health under the eMEN project;
The impact of our work was realised in actions by the Government in 2017, including:

- The allocation of €35M additional funding for the HSE’s 2018 budget and a commitment to a further €55M in budget 2019;
- The creation of an additional 114 Assistant Psychologist posts in primary care;
- Support from both the HSE and the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection for the national roll-out of evidence-based supported employment;
- Publication of the Mental Health (Amendment) Bill 2017, which proposed some changes to the Mental Health Act, 2001 in line with our recommendations;
- Establishment of the first Joint Oireachtas Committee on the Future of Mental Healthcare;
- Passage through the Dáil of the Mental Health (Amendment) Bill 2017 to improve the rights of inpatients;
- The Minister for Mental Health also made a commitment to expand 7-day mental health services across the whole country in January, 2018, on foot of our #InOurHourOfNeed campaign.

Our achievements in 2017 show the power we have when we work together as a strong, collective voice for a better mental health system in Ireland. We are focused now on driving further change in 2018.

During the year the MHR team expanded with the appointment of staff in two new roles: Governance & Operations Manager and Research Assistant. These two new posts have increased our capacity to achieve our mission, strengthening our ability to fulfil our governance responsibilities and enabling us to undertake the national survey on experience of mental health services. We are grateful to the HSE for funding this additional capacity.

On behalf of the MHR team, I would like to thank our Board of Directors for their continued commitment and guidance, and all of our member organisations, our Grassroots Forum members and those who have guided us through participation in advisory groups, for their contributions to MHR’s work. Our sincere thanks also go to those who campaigned with us in 2017, to those who shared their stories, signed petitions, tweeted about mental health, and raised funds for our work.

We could not continue without you!
Throughout 2017, Mental Health Reform has worked hard to adapt to a rare and challenging campaigning environment. The establishment of a minority Government supported by the opposition has altered the political landscape and opened up new challenges and opportunities.

With a cabinet reshuffle and change in Taoiseach mid-way through 2017, important lessons have been learned in relation to flexibility and patience. Drawing together the expertise and support of our membership, we have operated successfully in this environment and built on our strengths.

Our ongoing role in supporting the ad-hoc Oireachtas Group on Mental Health is a good example of this, with the establishment of a formal Joint Oireachtas Committee on the Future of Mental Healthcare early in 2017. This was a landmark achievement, as this is the first parliamentary committee in Ireland dedicated to mental health. It is encouraging that one of its recommendations is to establish a standing committee on mental health; such a committee can provide a permanent accountability mechanism for delivery of any Government’s mental health plans and commitments into the future.

In terms of the HSE, we have watched apprehensively as the Mental Health Division was dissolved into the ‘Mental Health Services’ section of a cross-primary and social care division. The new structure is still unclear, and we must build on our work in 2017 to make sure that the ground that has been gained with having a dedicated mental health division is not lost or quickly eroded.

Equally, opportunities have also arisen within the HSE in 2017. This includes the ongoing development of the Mental Health Engagement Office at national and regional levels.

MHR has had the opportunity to work more closely with this office and the area mental health engagement leads. MHR is also taking opportunities to partner with the HSE where effective ways to progress reform present themselves. This includes continued partnership on the eMEN eMental Health project, the roll-out of evidence-based supported employment following our national pilot of Individual Placement and Support, and the national survey on people’s experience of mental health services. We will be carrying much of this work over to 2018.
“In conclusion, I would like to extend a sincere thanks to all our Board members for their strong stewardship through this period.”

In 2017, we bid farewell to Board members Majella Darcy and Stephen Treacy. We also saw the retirements of Caroline McGrath, Eddie Molloy, Carol Moore, and Colette Nolan from the Board due to them having completed their full term. We thank all of these past Directors for their service on the Board and wish them well for the future. In 2017 we welcomed Conor Daly, Áine Hynes, Mark Kennedy, Michele Kerrigan, Anne Ellis, Lochlan Scott and Pádraig Love onto the Board. Their strong contribution has already been felt and we look forward to their continued active participation in the life of MHR.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the commitment, professionalism and achievements of MHR’s small but hard-working team. It has been a hugely productive year.

Congratulations to all.
Throughout 2017, Mental Health Reform continued to coordinate the views of our member organisations to provide consensus positions to Government and its agencies. In our advice, we were also guided by the coalition’s Grassroots Forum consisting of service users and family/carer nominees from our member organisations; the Ethnic Minorities Advisory Group, Homeless Sector Advisory Group and Multidisciplinary Advisory Group.

The coalition launched a comprehensive submission on the review of the national mental health policy A Vision for Change in September 2017. The submission is a wide-ranging, action-based document that presents a future vision of mental health services and related social supports in Ireland. The submission was launched by former CEO of Mental Health Ireland, Orla Barry.

**Representing the sector & policy development**

In 2017, Mental Health Reform held meetings with:

- Helen McEntee, TD, former Minister of State for Mental Health and Older People;
- Jim Daly, TD, Minister of State for Mental Health and Older People;
- Simon Harris, TD, Minister for Health;
- Finian McGrath, TD, Minister for Disability;
- Anne O’Connor, National Director for Mental Health, HSE;
- Dr. Philipp Dodd, Clinical Lead on Mental Health, HSE,
- The Ombudsman, Mr Peter Tyndall; and
- The Charities Regulator, Mr John Farrelly.

Key to MHR's impact has been communication with Government Departments both in and beyond the health sector. Mental Health Reform made a number of written submissions to various Government Departments, committees and public bodies on a broad range of issues.

**Submissions to public bodies**

In 2017, we made submissions to the following bodies:

- Comprehensive Employment Strategy for People with Disabilities
- National Taskforce on Youth Mental Health
- HSE regarding Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services
- The Oireachtas Committee on the Future of Healthcare
- The Government on Budget 2018
- The National Disability Strategy
Shari McDaid, Oliver Coleman Duffy, Orla Barry

Shari McDaid, Minister for Health, Simon Harris

Former National Director for Mental Health in the HSE, Anne O Connor at MHR members meeting
Mental Health Reform also supported the Homeless Adults Speak Out on Mental Health group to make a submission on the issue of mental health and homelessness.

Staff of Mental Health Reform represented the mental health sector on the HSE’s Advancing Recovery in Ireland Steering Committee, the Service Reform Fund Implementation Group, the Disability Stakeholders Group, the Housing Strategy for People with Disabilities Sub-Group, the Department of Social Protection Consultative Forum and the Comprehensive Employment Strategy Implementation Group. During 2017, Shari McDaid represented Mental Health Reform on the Youth Mental Health Taskforce and was appointed to the Oversight Group on the review of A Vision for Change.

MHR continued to coordinate and chair the Children’s Mental Health Coalition until the summer of 2017, when they decided to re-convene as an advisory group of Mental Health Reform.

**Members & advisory group meetings**

Mental Health Reform members met twice in 2017 as a whole coalition, including hosting the then National Director of Mental Health in the HSE, Anne O’Connor and the Charities Regulator, John Farrelly. There were two meetings of the Grassroots Forum in 2017, one in April to evaluate the operation of the Forum and one in October to consult with the Forum on MHR’s plans for 2018. The Forum were also consulted on the Comprehensive Employment Strategy Implementation Group’s report and to seek final comments on MHR’s submission on the review of A Vision for Change. Individual members of the Forum participated in MHR’s campaign activities on reform of the Mental Health Act, 2001, received training in basic research skills as part of the national consultation, and received training in how to share their stories with the media. Forum members also attended the parliamentary Mental Health Summit held in September.

**Representing the sector in the media**

MHR also voiced the coalition’s positions to the general public when Executive Director Shari McDaid appeared on the Claire Byrne show, Drivetime, the Sean O’Rourke show, and in the Irish Independent, and the Daily Mail on Sunday. MHR’s press releases were also covered in the Irish Examiner, Irish Independent, Irish Times, journal.ie, on Newstalk, Today FM and RTÉ news programmes and in numerous regional and local media.
National Consultation – #MyVoiceMatters

In 2017, Mental Health Reform launched a national consultation on people’s recent experience of HSE mental health services in Ireland. The national consultation aimed to collect people’s views and experiences of HSE mental health services, within the last two years, from both those who have received mental health services and their family members, friends and carers. The results of the consultation will be published in 2018. This work was supported by a grant from the HSE.

The Advocacy Needs of Mental Health Service Users Living in the Community

In July 2017, MHR launched the research report The Advocacy Needs of Mental Health Service Users Living in the Community. This research was supported by a grant from the Citizens Information Board. The report highlighted the level and nature of mental health service users’ need for independent, one-to-one advocacy support in the community. The report was launched by the Ombudsman, Peter Tyndall.

Members and Supporters of MHR at launch of submission on Review of A Vision for Change
Homeless adults speak out on Mental Health

Supported by the St. Stephens’ Green Trust, Mental Health Reform and Dublin Simon Community jointly published the research report Homelessness and Mental Health: Voices of Experience. This reported documented homeless people’s experience of trying to access mental health supports and was launched by then Minister for Mental Health, Helen McEntee, TD in 2017. The research showed that the lack of coordinated support for people with mental health difficulties and substance/alcohol misuse was one of a number of barriers to individuals getting appropriate mental health support. Individuals also described the role of traumatic childhood experiences in the trajectory of their mental health difficulties. MHR continues to work closely with the Homeless Adults Speak Out group building their capacity and seeking opportunities for them to advocate for better mental health services.

Integrating Employment and Mental Health Supports project

During 2017, MHR continued to provide project management for the Integrating Employment and Mental Health Supports (IEMHS) pilot project that supported individuals with severe mental health difficulties to seek employment. The project was brought to a close in June 2017. By the end of the project 33 of 95 participants had achieved at least one job placement in the open labour market. The best practice approach to supporting people with severe mental health difficulties operated across four sites: Bantry, Castlebar, Cavan/Monaghan and Galway, all of whom were able to fulfil the fidelity criteria for evidence-based supported employment. MHR conducted fidelity evaluations in each of the four sites and facilitated two learning workshops with the sites. On foot of the IEMHS pilot project, the HSE is moving to roll out evidence-based supported employment across Ireland.

The eMEN project

Mental Health Reform continued to work as the sole Irish partner in the eMental Health innovation and transnational implementation platform North West Europe (eMEN) project. In November, over 150 people attended a national conference on eMental Health and technology, hosted by Mental Health Reform in partnership with ReachOut.
ACCOUNTABILITY & ADVOCACY

During 2017, the coalition continued to advocate across the political spectrum and facilitate public support for reform of mental health services. We continued to provide an authoritative voice for improvement in mental health services on national TV, radio and in the print media. MHR’s profile increased during the year, with widespread coverage of our campaigns on out-of-hours mental health services and on legislative reform.

MHR engaged politicians of various political parties, meeting with TDs and Senators from Fianna Fáil, Fine Gael, People Before Profit Alliance, Sinn Féin, and independent TDs and Senators, including the independent chairperson of the Oireachtas Committee on Health Michael Harty, TD and the independent chairperson of the Oireachtas Committee on the Future of Mental Healthcare, Senator Joan Freeman.

MHR organised two stakeholder meetings with opposition mental health spokespersons, one in Cork on 19th June (with Pat Buckley, SF TD) and one in Wexford on 3rd July (with James Browne FF TD), to discuss reform of the Mental Health Act.

Supported by the Community Foundation for Ireland, throughout 2017, MHR ran the #InOurHourOfNeed campaign for 24/7, holistic, community based mental health services, giving the public the opportunity to tell their story, engage in conversations about crisis mental health services and sign a petition. The #InOurHourOfNeed petition was signed by over 30,000 people. The #InOurHourOfNeed hashtag made over 200,000 social media impressions and trended throughout the campaign. This campaign has been nominated for a national social media award (Sockies) for best zero budget campaign in 2017.

Mental Health Reform also supported people to attend 5 debates on mental health in the Oireachtas, including debates on the Mental Health (Amendment)
Mental Health Reform has established an active network on social media. Our social media presence increased from 5,497 to 6,463 followers on Facebook and 13K to 17k followers on Twitter.

Bill 2017 and meetings of the Oireachtas Committee on the Future of Mental Healthcare.

Mental Health Reform continued to provide the secretariat for the Oireachtas Group on Mental Health until July 2017, when a formal Oireachtas Committee on the Future of Mental Healthcare was established. MHR worked with this Committee and its members in 2017 to inform them about unmet needs for mental health support and good practice solutions to these gaps. During the year the Oireachtas Group focussed on the need for 24/7 mental health services and coordinated services for people with a dual diagnosis of mental health and substance/alcohol misuse.

“A highlight of 2017 was the first ever Parliamentary Forum on mental health in the history of the State.”

This event brought together Oireachtas members, sector stakeholders as well as mental health service users and their families, friends and carers to discuss the difficulties facing mental health services in Ireland. Mental Health Reform was represented among the panellists and featured very prominently throughout this forum.
Briefing event on the Mental Health (Amendment) Bill 2017

Mental Health Reform members and supporters attending an Oireachtas debate

Joint Oireachtas Committee on the Future for Mental Healthcare
The Board of Directors met on six occasions in 2017. The organisation’s Finance & Audit Committee met on five occasions and the Fundraising Committee met on two occasions.

The Board of Directors continued to oversee the organisation’s compliance with its statutory and regulatory obligations as an employer, registered company and charity. These obligations include compliance with employment legislation, equality legislation, health and safety, data protection as well as obligations under the Charities Act, 2009, Companies Act, 2014 and the Lobbying Act, 2015.

The Board of Directors reviewed the organisation’s Corporate Governance Handbook and Financial Procedures Manual and made a number of changes on foot of these reviews.

The Board of Directors continued to oversee compliance with the Code of Practice for Good Governance of Community, Voluntary and Charitable Organisations in Ireland and the Statement of Guiding Principles for Fundraising, developed by the Irish Charities Reform Group (now Charities Institute Ireland).

During the year the organisation appointed an individual to the new role of Governance & Operations Manager in order to strengthen the organisation’s capacity to fulfil its compliance and reporting obligations.

On 12th July the Annual General Meeting was held in the Carmichael Centre for Voluntary Groups in Dublin 7 with 35 member representatives and Board Directors in attendance.
Thank you to our funders in 2017!

We express our sincere thanks to our statutory and philanthropic funders who sustained the coalition’s activities during the year:

- Community Foundation for Ireland
- Genio
- The Ireland Funds
- St. Stephen’s Green Trust
- Pobal (Support Scheme for National Organisations)
- HSE
- Dept. of Health (National Lottery)
- Electricity Supply Board
- Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission
- Interreg North West Europe

A number of individuals made donations or organised events to raise funds for Mental Health Reform in 2017. In particular, Mental Health Reform would like to thank:

- The Mullaghanish Walk for Wellbeing
- Petra Costigan, toBE
- Rachel Burke
- The Murray family
- Finglas Credit Union
- The Mighty Mile team
- The Finglas Walk of HOPE team
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

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<td>Expenditure on charitable activities</td>
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<td><strong>Operating income</strong></td>
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<td>Interest receivable</td>
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<td>596</td>
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<td><strong>Surplus for the year</strong></td>
<td>18,458</td>
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<td><strong>Total comprehensive income for the year</strong></td>
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There were no recognised gains and losses for 2017 or 2016 other than those included in the income and expenditure account.

Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland and Irish statute comprising of the Companies Act 2014.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgment in applying the Company’s accounting policies.

Income

The income shown in the income and expenditure account represents grants from funders, donations, payments for research services, deposit interest, training and membership income invoiced during the period. Income not applied or expended in the period is deferred to future accounting periods.
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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

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<td>353,981</td>
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<td>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</td>
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<td>Income and expenditure account</td>
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<td><strong>Members’ funds</strong></td>
<td><strong>42,340</strong></td>
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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

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## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

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<td><strong>Adjustments for:</strong></td>
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<td>Interest received</td>
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<td>(Increase) in debtors</td>
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<td>(Decrease)/increase in creditors</td>
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<td><strong>Net cash generated from operating activities</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Net cash from investing activities</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Net (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</strong></td>
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We have audited the financial statements of Mental Health Reform (the ‘Company’) for the year ended 31 December 2017, which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows, the Statement of Changes in Funds and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish law and Financial Reporting Standard 102 ‘The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland’.

In our opinion the financial statements:

* give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2017 and of its profit for the year then ended;
* have been properly prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 ‘The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland’; and
* have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

Responsibilities of directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Directors’ Responsibilities Statement on page 1, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the Company’s ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2014

Based solely on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, we report that:

* in our opinion, the information given in the Directors’ Report is consistent with the financial statements; and
* in our opinion, the Directors’ Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit.

In our opinion the accounting records of the Company were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited, and the financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.
Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Based on the knowledge and understanding of the Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors’ Report.

The Companies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of directors’ remuneration and transactions required by sections 305 to 312 of the Act are not made. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Timothy F. Carthy
for and on behalf of Duignan Carthy O’Neill Limited Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors
84 Northumberland Road Ballsbridge, Dublin 4

Directors:
Mark Byrne (appointed 31 March 2017)
Oliver Coleman Duffy
Conor Daly (appointed 7 April 2017)
Anne Ellis (appointed 29 September 2017)
Agnes Higgins
Áine Hynes (appointed 29 September 2017)
Mark Kennedy (appointed 29 September 2017)
Michele Kerrigan (appointed 12 July 2017)
Pádraig Love (appointed 7 April 2017)
Caroline McGrath (resigned 12 July 2017)
Edmond Molloy (resigned 12 July 2017)
Carol Moore (resigned 12 July 2017)
Colette Nolan (resigned 12 July 2017)
Ali Rochford
Lochlann Scott (appointed 29 September 2017)
Stephen Treacy (resigned 25 January 2017)
Tanya Ward

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2017 IN NUMBERS

6 new member organisations

20.3% increase in mental health funding (2013-2018)

95 people supported to seek employment
*MHRs IEMHS Project

32k petition signatories
*#InOurHourOfNeed campaign

20% increase in social network

1st Parliamentary Forum on mental health

1st Oireachtas Committee on mental health

35 Activists trained to share their story
*MHRs Stories Project
ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH REFORM

Mental Health Reform is the national coalition promoting improved mental health services and the social inclusion of people with mental health difficulties.

MENTAL HEALTH REFORM WORKS TO

- Coordinate the views of our member organisations, develop policy and represent the sector to Government and its agencies;

- Conduct quality research to identify unmet need and good practice solutions and to support innovation in the way services are provided;

- Monitor progress on Government commitments and hold the Government and its agencies to account.
Promoting Improved Mental Health Services