

Minutes
Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission
Extraordinary Meeting
6 October 2021

Present:

- Prof Kathleen Lynch (KL) – Chair
- Michael Finucane (MF)
- Dr Salome Mbugua (SM)
- Dr Rosaleen McDonagh (RMCD)
- Prof Ray Murphy (RM)
- Colm O’Dwyer SC (COD)

Apologies

- Heydi Foster Breslin (HFB)
- Jim Clarken (JC)
- Dr Frank Conaty (FC)
- Prof Caroline Fennell (CF)
- Sinéad Gibney, Chief Commissioner (SG)
- Tony Geoghegan (TG)
- Adam Harris (AH)
- Sunniva McDonagh SC (SMcD)
- Dr Lucy Michael (LM)

In attendance:

- Laurence Bond, Director
- Dr Iris Elliott, Head of Policy and Research – Item 2.1
- Michael O’Neill, Head of Legal – Item 3.1
- Muireann Ní Thuairisg, Minute Taker

An Extraordinary Meeting of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission took place between 4:30pm – 5:15pm on 6 October 2021 by video conference.

1.1 Apologies, Quorum and Declaration of Interest

Apologies were noted from HFB, JC, FC, CF, SG, TG, AH, SMcD and LM. There were no declarations of interest and the meeting was quorate.

2.1 Draft Submission to the Mental Health Commission on Public Consultation on the Rules and Code of Practice governing the use of seclusion and restraint

Members discussed a revised draft submission to the Mental Health Commission Consultation on the Rules and Code of Practice governing the use of seclusion and restraint. The submission will be finalised taking account of the feedback from the Commission and will be submitted shortly.

3.1 Rule 9 submission to the Committee of Ministers - *O’Keeffe v. Ireland*

Members discussed a draft Rule 9 submission to the Committee of Ministers with regard to the information submitted by Ireland on 8 June 2021 on the execution of the judgment of the Grand Chamber in *O’Keeffe v. Ireland*. The submission will be finalised taking account of the feedback from the Commission and will be submitted shortly.



Signed:

Sinéad Gibney
Chief Commissioner

Date:

19 October 2021