



**26 January 2018
Clayton Hotel Belfast**

Present

Judith Thompson (JT)
Tina McCann (TMC)
Patricia Stewart (PS)
Alana Fisher (AF)
Karyn Millar (KM)

Paul Crawford (PC)
Sarah McGrillen (SMG)
Mary Moreland (MM)
Paul McCormac (PMC)
Shirley McMichael
(SMM)

Niall O Murchu (NOM)
Lesley Veronica (LV)
Mina Jadeja (MJ)
Kathryn Johnston (KJ)
Jack Nicholl (JN)
Sam Wilson (SW)

Minty Thompson (MT)
Alan Brecknell (AB)
Robert McClenaghan
(RMC)

Apologies

Jan Crawford (JC)
Donal Dunn (DD)
Paul Gallagher (PG)
Hazel Deeney (HD)
Jeremy Adams (JA)

Don Mackay (DMa)
Denise Mullen (DM)
Emmett McConomy (EMc)
Carmel Rooney (CR)

Outline of Meeting

Meeting opened with JT giving welcome, apologies and outlining housekeeping.

Forum members agreed note of previous meeting (7 December) and JT gave background to media guidelines briefing paper as contained in Forum Papers.

JT summarised the activity of the Forum's engagement with the five main political parties across November and December 2017. It was noted that all five political parties wanted to see the Legacy Consultation launched as soon as possible and that none had been supportive of an effective amnesty in the Statute of Limitations.

PS updated the Forum on upcoming work around the Regional Trauma Network following discussions with Dr Ciaran Mulholland of Queen's University Belfast.

JT updated on her introductory meeting with the newly appointed Secretary of State, Karen Bradley. At that meeting, JT had outlined the Commission's and the Forum's hope to see continuity of policy in relation to the Legacy Consultation.

Presentation to Shadow Secretary of State, Owen Smith (OS)

Engagement opened with welcome and introductions. Forum members delivered the presentation. A discussion followed on the issues raised including;

- Frustration at the political impasse in Stormont and the hope to see a restored executive in the near future;
- The barriers to the delivery of Stormont House Agreement Legacy mechanisms;
- The need for the Legacy Consultation to be far reaching and for it to be right in the beginning – failure to do this will not see a successful outcome;
- Intricacies around the proposed Statute of Limitations;
- OS reiterated his public view that the government should be taking forward the Pension for the Severely Injured and the Regional Trauma Network “notwithstanding the difficulties in relation to who should get it;”
- The relationship between Westminster and the Northern Ireland Assembly and the disconnect in GB understanding the NI Peace Process;
- The impact of austerity measures in a post-conflict society, particularly in relation to the ‘third generation’ (since Troubles began);
- Media reporting on victims and survivors’ issues and the direct impact this has on victims and survivors;

Engagement with SSoS closed.

Section 75 Training, Dorothy McKee Consulting

Dorothy McKee of Dorothy McKee Consulting delivered a presentation to the Forum on Section 75 and its relevance to their work.

The Forum undertook group activity and discussion in response to questions outlined in the presentation.

Meeting closed.

Agreed Actions

1. AF to circulate Note of Meeting to Forum.