



**29-30 March 2019  
Roe Park Resort**

## **Present**

Judith Thompson (JT)  
Tina McCann (TMC) – Day One only  
Peter Mann (PM)  
Alana Fisher (AF)  
Karyn Millar (KM)

Jan Crawford  
Paul Crawford  
Paul Gallagher  
Mary Moreland  
Paul McCormac

Niall O Murchu  
Lesley Veronica  
Mina Jadeja  
Kathryn Johnston  
Jeremy Adams

Minty Thompson  
Alan Brecknell  
Emmett McConomy

## **Apologies**

Donal Dunn  
Hazel Deeney  
Don Mackay

Sam Wilson  
Denise Mullen  
Robert McClenaghan

Carmel Rooney

## **Day One – 29 March 2019**

JT welcomed Forum members and gave an outline of the residential itinerary and the planned session with The Executive Office's (TEO) Co-design team which consists of representatives from TEO, the Victims and Survivors Service (VSS) and the Commission.

JT advised that the ten-year Strategy for Victims and Survivors was due to end later in 2019 and that in the absence of an Assembly there is a proposed extension to this Strategy whilst a new Strategy could be developed for sign-off.

Introductions took place between TEO's Co-Design team and Forum members. TEO outlined their engagement plans and timeframes in developing a new Strategy and invited comment and feedback on the current Strategy. They advised the current Strategy would be independently evaluated.

VSS representatives delivered a presentation on statistics relating to service provision and engaged in a Q&A session with the Forum on the information provided and outlined how they can use data to nuance service delivery and ensure the most effective service provision for victims and survivors within their allocated budget.

**Action Point: It was agreed that the VSS would engage with the Forum at a future meeting to discuss data collation in further detail.**

The Forum then engaged in table discussions on the evaluation of the Victims and Survivors 2009-19 Strategy and fed back to the Co-design team on areas of focus for the evaluation, how victims and survivors could best be engaged in the evaluation process and how to outline the relevance of the Strategy to wider society.

**Action Point: Commission staff to look into research pieces around language and linguistics in conflict/post-conflict societies to determine the impact of language in engaging victims, survivors and wider society.**

Following the Co-design engagement, the Forum concluded Day One with a retrospective look at the 2018/19 financial year and the Forum's key contributions to the Commission's Outcome Delivery Plan including the legacy consultation and subsequent policy advice on *Addressing the Legacy of Northern Ireland's Past*, their political and media engagements calling upon funding for legacy inquests, and the preparative work for the upcoming 2019/20 financial year.

The Forum noted that feedback from the Northern Ireland Office on the status of the Consultation would be timely given their efforts in the process.

**Action Point: JT to request further update from NIO on the Legacy Consultation.**

## **Day Two – 30 March 2019**

The second day of the residential focussed on a forward look at the 2019/20 financial year.

The Commission presented their Outcome Delivery Plan for the year. The Forum took part in groups and fed back on areas of priority for their contributions and made suggestions on how these could be achieved.

**Action Point: Commission to collate group feedback notes to develop a strategic programme of work for the Forum in the coming financial year.**

Prior to closing the meeting, JT provided an update on the policy advice under development on a Victims and Survivors Pension Arrangement as requested by the Secretary of State in 2018.

Meeting closed with a short feedback session from members on their thoughts on the residential weekend.

**Action Point: Commission to consider how best to convene the Forum to maximise the policy development impact of their time.**

### **Agreed Actions**

1. It was agreed that the VSS would engage with the Forum at a future meeting to discuss data collation in further detail.
2. Commission staff to look into research pieces around language and linguistics in conflict/post-conflict societies to determine the impact of language in engaging victims, survivors and wider society.
3. JT to request further update from NIO on the Legacy Consultation.
4. Commission to collate group feedback notes to develop a strategic programme of work for the Forum in the coming financial year.
5. Commission to consider how best to convene the Forum to maximise the policy development impact of their time.