

**ORGANISATIONAL MODULES 2024**

**MUCKAMORE ABBEY HOSPITAL INQUIRY  
WITNESS STATEMENT**

**Statement of Fiona Rowan**

**Dated 12 September 2024**

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I, Fiona Rowan, make the following statement for the purpose of the Muckamore Abbey Hospital (MAH) Inquiry. This is my second statement to the Inquiry having previously provided a statement to the Inquiry dated 12 June 2024 (MAHI – STM – 278 - 1).

1. Following on from the oral evidence that I gave to the Inquiry on 24 June 2024, I would like to provide an addendum to my evidence.
2. Whilst answering questions from the Panel, I did not recall that there were different lists in relation to resettlement plans. Although the information in relation to resettlement plans were connected, these would have been seen as different lists, a Primary Target List (PTL), Resettlement / Accommodation List and an Escalation List.
3. A PTL was agreed and monitored by HSCB and Trusts, therefore the overarching list, was owned by the HSCB. The PTL was a snapshot of in-patients on given dates (as set by HSCB). This meant that recent admissions were not included or recognised as part of the PTL. The Trust added all in-patient names to the list to ensure we captured the total inpatient status when we met with HSCB.
4. The PTL was in excel spreadsheet format with personal details including full name, dates and a narrative section which gave the update, progress on the resettlement, and discharge plan. The full PTL was a large document due to

containing information relating to forty to sixty patients, the excel format, and detail included.

5. The resettlement plan section of the PTL was updated by each Trust, this was co-ordinated by the Community Integration Post holder and me, during the time I was at working MAH. For BHSCT this information was lifted from the Resettlement/Accommodation List, which was developed by the Trust, ahead of the regular meetings with HSCB and Trusts involved with MAH. I attended these meetings and from memory the meetings were referred to as the Community Integration Planning (CIP) Meeting. Any other lists, similar to the Resettlement/ Accommodation List were shortened versions of the information that would be added to the PTL. Detailed personal data was taken out making it safer, easier to review, use in meetings, make changes to and group patients who were planned to discharge to the same scheme or placement and by approximate date / year of discharge. As a result, the Resettlement/Accommodation list is the list that I would have used and referred to on the most frequent basis.
6. The Escalation List, introduced in 2020, was a short list of names to 'escalate' that there were a number of patients in 2020 who did not have robust discharge plans or suitable placements and to ensure it was understood at a senior level within BHSCT that there were patients where there was an outstanding risk to their proposed resettlement plan, or no viable resettlement plan in place.
7. My experience from the Mental Health PTL was that the purpose of the PTL was both discharge monitoring and a funding stream. In Mental Health services each patient on the PTL came with funding which would be given to the Trust by the HSCB on confirming the date of the first night of leaving hospital, which could be different to the formal discharge date. In Mental Health Services the funding was a set amount towards the cost of the commissioned service required on discharge, rather than specific or actual cost. While in Learning Disability Services the funding stream was not within my oversight as the role was not connected to a budget. In this case the funding went to Learning

Disability Care Management. In the case of regional placements, where a patient was resettled by another Trust, the funding followed the patient to that Trust.

8. The above information is only accurate during the time I was in post, and to the best of my recollection as a period of four years has passed. The member of staff in the Community Integration post would have been my go-to person for information as the staff member had been involved with the PTL for several years.

### **Declaration of Truth**

The contents of this witness statement are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have produced all the documents which I have access to and which I believe are necessary to address the matters on which the Inquiry Panel has requested me to give evidence.

Signed: \_\_\_Fiona Rowan\_\_\_\_\_

Date: 12 September 2024