

## **INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THE MENTAL HEALTH ACT: EVIDENCE AND ANALYSIS WORKING GROUP**

### Terms of reference

#### **Purpose**

The group will provide expert analytical advice to the chair of the review, Professor Sir Simon Wessely, as well as to the advisory panel.

The group will advise on evidence relating to the Mental Health Act, with a particular focus on data and academic evidence, and will suggest ways of utilising this evidence to best effect. The group will also highlight gaps in the evidence base and suggest ways to address these.

The chair of the review may commission the group, and/or its members, to carry out additional evidence gathering or analysis on behalf of the review.

#### **Membership**

The group will bring together senior analysts, academics and policy officials from a number of key bodies collating and working with data on the Mental Health Act.

Members of the group will represent, but not be limited to, the following organisations:

- Department of Health and Social Care
- NHS Digital
- NHS England
- Care Quality Commission
- Ministry of Justice
- Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service
- Royal College of Psychiatry
- South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust NIHR Biomedical Research Centre
- Kings College London
- University College London

#### **Governance**

The group will be chaired by the chair of the review.

The group will advise the review's advisory panel, but will report directly to the chair.

#### **Frequency**

The group will convene as required by the chair of the review.