Minutes of the Covid-19 Communications and Behavioural Advisory Group
Meeting 1

Meeting Date: 23 September 2020

Time: 10:00

Location: Video Conference

Attendance:
Deirdre Watters (Chair)
Molly Byrne (NUIG)
Liam Delaney (UCD)
Pete Lunn (ESRI)
Orla Muldoon (UL)
Robert Murphy (DOH)
Brian McIntyre (Orchard)
Gerard O’Neill (Amárach)
Sheila Caulfield (DOH)
Fiona Gilligan (DOH)
Rosaleen Harlin (DOH)
Rachel Wright (HSE)
Elaine Scanlon (DOH)
Karl Purcell (SEAI)

Agenda:

1. Terms of Reference
2. September Findings – Focus on Younger Adults
3. AOB

Welcome:
The chair welcomed all those attending the meeting and thanked all members for supporting the new Covid-19 Communications and Behavioural Advisory Group. Noted apologies from: Aileen McGloinn
**Agenda Item 1:**
The group discussed and agreed the terms of reference

**Agenda Item 2:**
September findings for discussion.

- Young adults experiencing negative emotions
- Young adults to feel less able to bounce back from adverse experiences
- Younger adults are complying with new behavioural requirements – but at a lag
- Most people anticipate Covid will last until end-2021 through mid-2022
- Citizens need to believe that our response to Covid does not ‘hijack’ other health services

**AOB:**
The date of the next meeting was set as October 23, 2020 by video conference.