MHFI Director of Operations: Summary of Work Undertaken in March 2015

Tasks included ...

- Writing and disseminating minutes of the third meeting of the All-Island Men's Health Week (MHW) Planning Group for 2015.
- Arranging a photo-shoot for the MHW 2015 poster with Tony Ward (ex-Ireland Rugby International) and Carrie Davenport (photographer) on Tuesday 10th March.
- Securing the logos of MHW's statutory supporters for the MHW poster.
- Collating feedback from field-testing of the draft MHW 2015 poster.
- Following-up Google Ireland to ask if they would consider creating a 'Google Doodle' for their search engine during MHW 2015.
- Collating content ideas on men's health assets / resources / inhibitors for the DIT geographic information system project.
- Arranging the payment of 'slippage money' from the Public Health Agency to underwrite the updating and re-printing of the 'Challenges and Choices' Man Manual for MHW 2015.
- Liaising with Haynes Publishing and Ian Banks about the revising and re-printing of 'Challenges and Choices'.
- Updating MHFI's media mailing list.
- Re-designing the online submission form for MHW events.
- Writing / submitting a bi-annual progress report on the Engaging Young Men Project to the National Office for Suicide Prevention (NOSP).
- Meeting with NOSP and the HSE to discuss funding for Year 3 of the Engaging Young Men Project, and developing a mental health element to Men's Health Week 2015 (5th March).
- Preparing and submitting a funding application to NOSP.
- Writing the minutes of Engage Unit 6 Sub-Group Planning Meetings.
- Editing and formatting the 'Images of Men' and 'A Man's World' photos for use in the SPHE Young Men's Programme.
- Representing MHFI at the HSE Section 39 Grant Holders meeting in Dublin (3rd March).
- Making all practical arrangements for meetings of the MHFI Management Committee, Engaging Young Men Project Advisory Group, and the MHW 2015 All-Island Planning Group (to be held in early April).
- Contributing to the organisation of the Southern Area Men's Health Group's event on 'Safe Spaces and Places for Men' (Dungannon, Co. Tyrone, Friday 27th March).
- Meeting Hilary Timoney from Besins Healthcare (Dublin) to discuss their new public awareness campaign targeting Irish men who have testosterone deficiency (5th March).
- Preparing an overview of MHFI for the Global Action on Men's Health website.
- Contributing to a follow-up meeting of the Planning Group for the 'Importance of Fathers to Children's Outcomes' seminar (9th March).
- Meeting Stephen Beggs (Theatre Director) to brainstorm ideas for a new play on the importance of fathers (16th March).
- Promoting / recruiting for the Men's Health Symposium in Dr Steeven's Hospital.
- Attending a meeting of Men's Health West in Derry (19th March).
- Supporting MHFI's contribution to the consortium application to the National Institute for Health Research for funding to investigate men and weight loss strategies.
- Creating new login accounts for 'Engage' Trainers who lost their passwords.
- Researching / producing / disseminating the March 2015 edition of 'E-Male Matters'.
- Submitting regular content to the MHFI Facebook and Twitter pages.
- Updating the MHFI website News pages; adding links to the Resources pages; making new reports available online; uploading content to the Secure Committee Login Area of the MHFI website ...
- Undertaking miscellaneous tasks, including: responding to requests from external groups / individuals; maintenance of the MHFI Yahoo Email Group; actioning issues raised by the MHFI Board of Trustees; expanding and updating MHFI's electronic mailing lists ...