

1. Purpose

The IMHPP Roundtable is the Institute's exclusive platform for strategic thought leadership, policy reflection and executive commentary by trustees and advisory council members. It:

- Anchors IMHPP's public voice on emerging mental health and social care issues
- Guides downstream research agendas, position statements, and organisational responses
- Elevates contributors through concise, high-impact publications

2. Scope

The Roundtable covers topics that intersect governance, ethics, policy and practice in public mental health. Example areas include:

- Risk governance in suicide prevention
- Capacity assessment and decision-making
- Systemic stigma (e.g., personality disorder, neurodiversity)
- Environmental and social inclusion strategies
- Policy analysis, legal commentaries and rapid responses

3. Contributors

Only internal members of the IMHPP may author Roundtable pieces. Contributors:

- Write independently or co-author with fellow trustees/advisors
- Take the lead on topics aligned to their expertise or emerging policy events
- Receive full editorial support from IMHPP's communications team

4. Content Types

Roundtable publications can be any of the following, calibrated for readability and influence:

- Five-Minute Reads: 600–800 words—brief reflections or spot-light analyses
- Policy Think Pieces: 1,000–1,200 words—evidence-informed commentary and recommendations

- Legal/Ethical Briefings: 800–1,000 words—focused on statutory changes or case law implications
- Short Academic Papers: 1,500–2,500 words—mini literature reviews or practice evaluations

5. Submission & Review Process

Step 1: Topic Proposal and Drafting

Authors submit a brief topic proposal and prepare a full draft using the IMHPP Roundtable template to the Roundtable.

Step 2: Peer Consultation

The draft may be shared with up to two colleagues within the IMHPP for informal subject-matter feedback.

Step 3: Research Council Approval

The IMHPP Research Council will then review the piece for clarity, structure, tone and consistency with IMHPP style once written.

6. Editorial Approval

Final sign-off ensures quality and coherence with IMHPP's mission:

- Standard Pathway: Chair of Research Council reviews and approves within 2 weeks of submission.
- Rapid Response Pathway: Chair can greenlight time-sensitive pieces within 48 hours
- Unanimous Council Approval: For highly sensitive or high-profile statements

7. Publication & Distribution

- Hosted on IMHPP's website under “Roundtable” section
- Shared via IMHPP newsletter, social channels and targeted stakeholder mailings
- Archived for reference to inform working groups, SIGs and SIG publications

8. Benefits for members

- Establishes personal thought leadership and sector visibility

- Contributes to IMHPP's strategic narrative and research priorities
- Offers a tangible incentive for recruitment and retention of high-calibre contributors
- Builds a shared knowledge repository to inform governance and advisory work