

Policy Forum for Northern Ireland Keynote Seminar

The future for healthcare in Northern Ireland: implementing the *Delivering Together* targets

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 28th June 2017

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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Paula Bradshaw MLA, Northern Ireland Assembly
- 9.05 - 9.15 **Implementing *Delivering Together* in the context of current issues in health and social care**
Professor Deirdre Heenan, Provost (Coleraine and Magee), Ulster University
- 9.15 - 9.25 **The financial burden of emergency hospital admissions**
Kieran Donnelly, Comptroller and Auditor General, Northern Ireland Audit Office
- 9.25 - 9.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.55 - 10.55 **Addressing the challenges for reform: organisation, workforce and the commissioning of services**
What options should be considered in the reform of healthcare structures - including hospital closures and changing the function of buildings, as suggested in Professor Bengoa's report? How can challenges in reforming acute services - including the scale of potential changes, opposition to hospital closures, and costs - be addressed? Given the challenges in staff recruitment and retention in the health service, in what ways can the Workforce Strategy be developed to help encourage career progression and development of skills for health service employees? With developing a culture of collective leadership throughout the health service a key part of the Delivering Together document, how might the Leadership Strategy be shaped to support leaders and managers to plan, implement and sustain change in the transformation of services?
Janice Smyth, Director, Royal College of Nursing, Northern Ireland
Dean Sullivan, Director of Commissioning, Health and Social Care Board
Christine Armstrong, Regional Lead, 10,000 Voices Initiative and Public Health Agency
Senior representative, health and social care trust
Senior representative, union
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 - 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**
Paula Bradshaw MLA, Northern Ireland Assembly
- 11.00 - 11.30 Coffee
- 11.30 - 11.35 **Chair's opening remarks**
Paula Bradley MLA, Northern Ireland Assembly
- 11.35 - 12.25 **Priorities for primary, community and adult social care**
Given the importance in the Delivering Together report given to the development of Primary Care to ensure effective delivery of services, which avenues for reform - including the development of community pharmacies, practice-based pharmacies, and integration of allied health professionals, district nurses and other specialists - should be supported? What options in the development of elective care centres - including make-up of services and locations of the centres - are most likely to ensure the best use of resources and help to reduce waiting times? Alongside the organisation and integration of existing services, especially at a time when primary care services are faced with staffing, infrastructural and budgetary problems - what are the key challenges to the reform of primary care services and how can they be tackled? In light of the issues facing the social care sector - including 'bed-blocking' and shortages in domiciliary care for older people - are the recommendations stemming from Domiciliary Care Workforce Review and Reform of Adult Social Care and Support adequate to help to promote a sustainable social care sector? How far can residential and care homes assist in this regard?
Dr Laurence Dorman, Deputy Chair, Royal College of General Practitioners Northern Ireland
Colum Conway, Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Social Care Council
Michelle Tennyson, Assistant Director, Allied Health Professions & Personal and Public Involvement, Public Health Agency
Gerard Greene, Chief Executive, Community Pharmacy NI
Pamela McCreedy, Deputy Chief Executive, Northern Health and Social Care Trust
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 - 12.55 **Implementing the *Delivering Together* recommendations**
Mark Taylor, Lead Clinician, Mater Hospital, Belfast; Secretary, Great Britain and Ireland Hepato Pancreato Biliary Association and Member, Transformation Implementation Group, Department of Health
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Northern Ireland closing remarks**
Paula Bradley MLA, Northern Ireland Assembly
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Northern Ireland