

Policy Forum for Northern Ireland Keynote Seminar: Improving mental health provision in Northern Ireland: prevention, treatment and developments in care

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 17th January 2017

Venue: Stormont Hotel, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast BT4 3LP



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Robbie Butler MLA, Ulster Unionist Party Spokesperson for Mental Health and Member, Committee for Health, Northern Ireland Assembly
- 9.05 - 9.25 **'Beyond Bamford: addressing mental health in Northern Ireland'**
Dr Iris Elliott, Head of Policy and Research, Mental Health Foundation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 - 10.15 **Priorities for prevention, intervention and access to mental health services**
Professor Siobhan O'Neill, Professor of Mental Health Sciences, Ulster University
Oscar Donnelly, Divisional Director, Mental Health, Learning Disability and Community Wellbeing, Northern Health and Social Care Trust
Emma Quinn, Acting Principal, Rathcoole Primary School, Newtownabbey
Dr Louise Sands, Council Member, RCGP NI; Associate Director, GP Career Development Scheme and GP Training Programme Director, NIMDTA

Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 - 10.20 **Chair's closing remarks**
Robbie Butler MLA, Ulster Unionist Party Spokesperson for Mental Health and Member, Committee for Health, Northern Ireland Assembly
- 10.20 - 10.50 Coffee
- 10.50 - 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior member of the Legislative Assembly
- 10.55 - 11.05 **Children and young people with mental health problems: priorities for tackling a growing trend**
Mairéad McCafferty, Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People
- 11.05 - 11.15 **Key challenges in older person's mental health care: recognising and managing isolation, bereavement and poor physical health**
Paschal McKeown, Head of Policy & Influencing, Age NI
- 11.15 - 11.25 **Legacy issues and mental health: the impact of the past on victims and survivors**
Judith Thompson, Commissioner, The Commission for Victims and Survivors
- 11.25 - 11.45 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 - 11.55 **Steps to recovery: experiences of a service user**
Eileen Shevlin, Expert by experience
- 11.55 - 12.45 **Meeting the needs of mental health patients: next steps for care post-Bamford**
Dr Gerry Lynch, Chair, Royal College of Psychiatrists in Northern Ireland and Vice Chair, Royal College of Psychiatrists
Amanda McFadden, Assistant Director, Adult Mental Health and Disability Services, Western Health and Social Care Trust
Dr Raman Kapur, Chief Executive and Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Threshold
David Babington, Chief Executive, Action Mental Health
Questions and comments from the floor with **Eileen Shevlin**, Expert by experience
- 12.45 - 12.55 **Mental health in Northern Ireland: a view from the Health Committee**
Gary Middleton MLA, Deputy Chair, Committee for Health, Northern Ireland Assembly
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Northern Ireland closing remarks**
Senior member of the Legislative Assembly
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Northern Ireland