

## Policy Forum for Northern Ireland policy conference

### Priorities for improving mental health provision in Northern Ireland - implementing the Mental Health Action Plan, responding to COVID-19, and developing a mental health strategy

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2020

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Órlaithí Flynn MLA**, Member, Committee for Health, Northern Ireland Assembly
- 9.05 **Driving forward mental health provision improvements, raising awareness, and implementation of the Mental Health Action Plan**  
**Professor Siobhan O'Neill**, Interim Mental Health Champion for Northern Ireland, and Professor of Mental Health Sciences, Ulster University  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Responding to mental health and wellbeing during the COVID-19 pandemic - service delivery, innovative support methods, coping with increased demand, and supporting the workforce**  
**Dr Laurence Dorman**, Chair, Royal College of General Practitioners NI  
**Dr Richard Wilson**, Chair, Royal College of Psychiatrists Northern Ireland  
**Clare-Anne Magee**, Head, Carers Northern Ireland  
**Karen Collins**, Chief Executive, AWARE  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.10 Break
- 10.15 **Delivering improved mental health provision for children and young people and managing the impact of COVID-19**  
**James A. Maxwell**, Principal, Carrickfergus Grammar School  
**Dr Julie-Ann Maney**, Senior Representative, Paediatric Emergency Medicine, RCPCH Ireland and Consultant, Paediatric Emergency Medicine, Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children  
**Barbara Campbell**, Director of Children's Services and Executive Director of Social Work, South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Órlaithí Flynn MLA**, Member, Committee for Health, Northern Ireland Assembly
- 10.55 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Robbie Butler MLA**, Vice-Chairperson, All Party Group on Mental Health, Northern Ireland Assembly
- 11.10 **Dealing with the long term effects of COVID-19, identifying need, supporting vulnerable groups and effective public health messaging**  
**Hugh Nelson**, Head of Community Wellbeing, Northern Health and Social Care Trust
- 11.20 **Priorities for funding, improving decision-making and commissioning**  
**David Babington**, Chief Executive, Action Mental Health
- 11.30 **Increasing the mental health workforce and adapting to new methods of working**  
**Jennie Lee Sims**, Mental Health Network Lead, RCN Northern Ireland  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 Break
- Development of a mental health strategy - priorities for service improvements, innovation and community and patient engagement**
- 12.00 **Supporting mental health in primary care and delivering person-centred care pathways**  
**Dr Ursula Mason**, Chair, South Belfast Federation; GP, Carryduff Surgery; and Deputy Chair, Royal College of General Practitioners Northern Ireland
- 12.10 **'If we always do what we always did...'**  
**Professor Nichola Rooney**, Consultant Clinical Psychologist and Chair, BPS Division of Clinical Psychology NI
- 12.20 **Advancing local innovative approaches to mental health support**  
**Kerry Anthony**, Group Chief Executive, Inspire
- 12.30 **Developing a specialist community perinatal mental health service**  
**Dr Julie Anderson**, Consultant Psychiatrist, Northern Health and Social Care Trust; Chair, Perinatal Specialty Committee, RCPsych NI; and Regional Representative, Perinatal Faculty, RCPsych UK  
**Dr Michael McMorran**, Senior Psychiatry Trainee
- 12.40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Northern Ireland closing remarks**  
**Robbie Butler MLA**, Vice-Chairperson, All Party Group on Mental Health, Northern Ireland Assembly.  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Northern Ireland