

Policy Forum for Northern Ireland keynote seminar

Next steps for mental health policy in Northern Ireland - the Mental Health Strategy, improving service provision, new ways of working and the future of CAMHS services in NI

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 8th March 2022

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Colm Gildernew MLA, Chair, Committee for Health
- 9.05 **The Mental Health Strategy 2021-2031 - priorities moving forward**
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 **The Strategy, issues for implementation, and improving service provision in the wake of the pandemic - meeting demand, cost-effective provision, service reorganisation, and achieving equity in access across different regions**
David Babington, Chief Executive, Action Mental Health
- Dr Richard Wilson, Northern Ireland Chair, Royal College of Psychiatrists
- Dr Maria O'Kane, Interim Director of Mental Health & Disability Services, Southern Health and Social Care Trust
- Dr Shari McDaid, Head of Evidence and Impact (Scotland and Northern Ireland), Mental Health Foundation
- Senior representative, patients
- Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 Break
- 10.25 **Delivering new ways of working - harnessing research and innovation, unlocking the potential of data, progress with digital mental health services, and providing up-to-date workforce training**
Professor Cherie Armour, Director of Research & Professor of Psychological Trauma & Mental Health, Queen's University Belfast
Clare Moore, Equality and Social Policy Officer, ICTUNI
Dr Karen Galway, Senior Lecturer in Mental Health, Queens University Belfast
Senior representative, research
Senior representative, trust
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.15 **Chair's closing remarks**
Colm Gildernew MLA, Chair, Committee for Health
- 11.20 Break
- 11.30 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Member of the Legislative Assembly
- 11.35 **Mental health provision for children and young people - the role of schools and educational settings, early intervention and support for families, and supporting smooth transitions from CAMHS to adult services**
Marina McCully, Head of Service Development, AWARE
- Dr Dominic McSherry, Reader in Psychology, Ulster University
- Matthew Taylor, Co-Founder and Director, Pure Mental NI
- Michele Jones, Head of Barnardo's NI
- Senior representative, child services
- Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Key policy priorities for mental health provision in NI**
Senior speaker confirmed from the Department of Health
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **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