

Policy Forum for Northern Ireland keynote seminar:

Next steps for cancer care in Northern Ireland

Timing: Morning, Friday, 9th February 2024

Taking place online



Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Paula Bradshaw MLA, Chair of the All-Party Group on Cancer, Alliance Party
- 9.05 **Policy priorities for cancer care in Northern Ireland - assessing progress of the ten year plan and addressing immediate and long-term challenges**
Tomas Adell, Director of Elective Care and Cancer Policy, Department of Health
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.40 **Addressing key priorities for cancer care in Northern Ireland - tackling waiting lists, key issues for the cancer workforce, and improving early diagnosis and quality of life for cancer patients**
Damien Bennett, Director, Northern Ireland Cancer Registry
Dr Lucy Jellett, Consultant Oncologist, South Eastern Trust
Professor Mark Lawler, Professor of Digital Health, Queen's University Belfast; and Chair, International Cancer Benchmarking Partnership
Debbie Keatley, Member, NI Cancer Research Consumer Forum, NI Cancer Registry Council, AICRI, use MY data, CRUK Clinical Research Committee and Data Advisory Board
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Developing the cancer workforce in Northern Ireland**
Gerry Hanna, Chair of Division, Cancer and Specialist Medicine, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Paula Bradshaw MLA, Chair of the All-Party Group on Cancer, Alliance Party
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Chair to be announced
- 11.15 **Long-term goals for improving cancer outcomes - funding priorities for service provision, improving strategies for prevention and diagnostics, joining up services, and addressing inequalities in access to treatment and screening**
Joan McEwan, Head of Policy and Public Affairs for Northern Ireland, Marie Curie
Richard Spratt, Chief Executive, Cancer Focus NI
Dr Ethna McFerran, Cancer Health Economist and Chair, RCN Cancer Forum
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.15 **Next steps for cancer research and innovation - cross-border collaboration, health technology, and utilising research to further treatment**
Professor Mark Lawler, Co-Lead, All-Island Cancer Research Institute
Professor William Gallagher, Co-Lead, All-Island Cancer Research Institute
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Northern Ireland closing remarks**
Chair to be announced
Tiernan Phipps, Lead Researcher, Policy Forum for Northern Ireland