

Policy Forum for Northern Ireland keynote seminar:

Priorities for healthcare in Northern Ireland

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 28th November 2024

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Danny Donnelly MLA, Deputy Chairperson, Committee for Health
- 9.05 **The vision for the future for healthcare policy in Northern Ireland**
Mike Nesbitt MLA, Minister of Health, Northern Ireland Executive
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **Key priorities for tackling health waiting times in Northern Ireland**
priorities for ensuring patient safety while awaiting treatment | addressing health inequality created by waiting lists | strategies for earlier diagnosis
Dr Alan Stout, Chair, BMA Northern Ireland Council
Senior representative, primary care
Senior representative, HSC trust
Senior representative, legal
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Strategies for supporting the stability of the NI health sector and addressing the 'GP crisis'**
Liz Kimmins MLA, Chairperson, Committee for Health
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Danny Donnelly MLA, Deputy Chairperson, Committee for Health
- 10.55 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Member of the Legislative Assembly
- 11.10 **Next steps for the healthcare workforce**
improving workforce retention | strategies for reducing pressure and workload on individuals | opportunities for staffing flexibility to address waiting lists | upskilling priorities
Dr Ursula Mason, Chair, Royal College of General Practitioners Northern Ireland Council
Senior representative, HSC trust
Senior representative, education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **Strategic priorities - service improvement, funding, use of technology, and the structure of health services in NI**
examining the Towards a Hospital Network paper, plans for structural reform and its implications | priorities for funding allocation | building efficiencies in HSC | priorities for healthcare estate | improving performance of existing services | improving data collection and integration | opportunities in health technology
Sarah Christie, Policy and Public Affairs Manager, Macmillan Cancer Support
Meadhbha Monaghan, Chief Executive, Patient and Client Council NI
Senior representative, HSC trust
Senior representative, digital health
Senior representative, data
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Priorities for establishing the enablers for healthcare recovery in Northern Ireland**
Dr Rafael Bengoa, Director, Institute for Health and Strategy
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, Policy Forum for Northern Ireland