

Policy Forum for Northern Ireland keynote seminar
Priorities for improving mental health provision in Northern Ireland

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 24th March 2021

*****Taking Place Online*****



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Draft agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Member of the Legislative Assembly
- 9.05 **Taking forward improvements to mental health provision and key priorities for delivering the new strategy**
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 Break
- 9.35 **Assessing the Draft Mental Health Strategy - funding priorities, delivery, mental health promotion, service transformation, and improving patient engagement, access and care**
David Babington, Chief Executive, Action Mental Health
Dr Laurence Dorman, Chair, Royal College of General Practitioners NI
Lindsay Robinson, Founder, Have you seen that girl?
Dr Hugh Nelson, Head of Community Wellbeing, Northern Health and Social Care Trust
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Supporting mental health and wellbeing through the pandemic - adapting service provision and the impact on delivery of improvements to provision**
Senior speaker to be confirmed
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Member of the Legislative Assembly
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Órlaithí Flynn MLA, Member, Committee for Health, Northern Ireland Assembly
- 11.15 **Children and young people - managing the impact of the pandemic, improving access to support and taking forward coordinated improvements to services**
Dr Julie-Ann Maney, Senior Representative, Paediatric Emergency Medicine, RCPCH Ireland and Consultant, Paediatric Emergency Medicine, Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children
Senior representative, education
Senior representative, child services
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.50 Break
- 11.55 **Growing the mental health workforce and delivering training and support**
Senior representative, workforce
- 12.05 **Advancing the role of the charity and voluntary sector in mental health support**
Karen Collins, Chief Executive, AWARE
- 12.10 **Developing a digital health model for mental health and utilising lessons from the response to COVID-19**
Professor Maurice Mulvenna, Professor of Computer Science, Ulster University
- 12.20 **Implementing effective specialist services and patient-centred care, and reducing variation**
Dr Julie Anderson, Consultant Psychiatrist, Northern Health and Social Care Trust; Chair, Perinatal Specialty Committee, RCPsych NI; and Regional Representative, Perinatal Faculty, RCPsych UK
- 12.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Northern Ireland closing remarks**
Órlaithí Flynn MLA, Member, Committee for Health, Northern Ireland Assembly
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Northern Ireland