

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, 9th 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
Senior representative, children's services
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**
Senior Member of the Legislative Assembly
- 11.10 **Dealing with the long term effects of COVID-19, identifying need, supporting vulnerable groups and effective public health messaging**
Senior speaker, public health
- 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 **Improving access, support and service provision**
Senior representative, patients
- 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 with **Dr Michael McMorran**, Senior Psychiatry Trainee
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