

**Minutes of the 106th meeting of the South Eastern Local
Commissioning Group held at 2pm on Thursday 5 November 2020
via Zoom video link**

PRESENT:

Dr Mark Timoney	-	SELCG Chair Pharmacy
Mr James Rooney	-	Dental representative
Cllr Richard Smart	-	Local Government
Cllr Jenny Palmer	-	Local Government
Ms Kate Fleck	-	Community/Voluntary
Mr Nicholas McCrickard	-	Community/Voluntary
Ms Frances Dowds	-	Public Health Agency
Mr Eamon Farrell	-	Public Health Agency
Ms Deirdre Cunningham	-	Public Health Agency
Ms Jane McMillan	-	Social Care, HSCB

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Paul Turley	-	South Eastern Commissioning Lead
Mrs Bernie Mooty	-	Commissioning Officer, SELCG
Ms Mary Donaghy	-	Social Care Commissioning Lead
		Mental Health/Learning Dis, HSCB
Mr Damien Brannigan	-	Assistant Director (Interim) Mental Health, Downshire Estate

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Julie Allen	-	AGE North Down and Ards
Elizabeth Boyd	-	Versus Arthritis UK
Vivien Blakely	-	local resident

APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Alex Swann, Dr James McGlew, Mr Colin Bradley, Dr Jonathan Howe, Dr Michael Johnson and Dr Peter Ryan.

65/20 **Opening Remarks**

(i) **Welcome**

The Chair, Dr Mark Timoney, welcomed everyone to the 106th public meeting of the South Eastern Local Commissioning Group. He also welcomed Ms Mary Donaghy, HSCB and Mr Damien Brannigan, SET, and the members of the public who were also in attendance.

66/20 **Chairman's Business**

(ii) **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Members confirmed that they had no conflicts of interest in respect of any of the items on the agenda, as listed, and should any interests arise during discussion they would be declared accordingly.

(iii) **Correspondence**

- Mr Turley confirmed that a statement had been issued on 5th October 2020 regarding the next phase of rebuilding urgent and emergency care services, a consultant-led Urgent Care Centre that will open in the Downe Hospital's Emergency Department. He added that Dr Johnson, who works in the service, also confirmed at the workshop in the morning that it has been operating from the 20th October 8am-6pm, Monday – Friday on an appointment only basis, with nurse-led minor injuries services continuing at weekends from 9am to 5pm. Those contacting the service will be triaged and offered an appointment within the urgent care service or directed to the most appropriate service. Dr Johnson is very keen to promote this service and encourage people to avail of it.
- Mr Turley advised that he had received correspondence on the 7th October 2020 in relation to following up on nominations from the LCGs to Outcomes Groups for the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership, further to Maxine Gibson's presentation to the LCG

meeting.

- Mr Turley advised that the Regional Social Prescribing Development Board has asked for expressions of interest for the role of Co-chair. The closing date was the 4th November 2020.
- Mr Turley confirmed that he had received correspondence from Joe Brogan on the 21st October to advise that the Minister has asked the Board to take forward actions in respect of the Department's response to the WHO Patient Safety Challenge – Medication Without Harm. The Chair commented that as an LCG we will be seeking to support this area in our action plan.
- Mr Turley advised Members that HSC staff received a letter from the Permanent Secretary on 23rd October 2020 regarding the next steps on HSC response to Covid19. The letter outlines the next steps in relation to supporting a second wave including; support to staff, regional surge planning, redeployment, PPE, HWC testing, Primary Care and managing pressures in Emergency Departments. The Permanent Secretary also acknowledged the commitment, passion and the hard work of the HSC staff.
- Mr Turley referred to a DOH News release on 23rd October 2020 from the Minister in relation to postponed cancer procedures. He advised Members that the Minister will be looking to the Trusts to reschedule cancelled appointments as soon as they feasibly can and to ensure that patients are kept fully informed.
- Mr Turley informed Members of a HSCB press release issued on the 26th October 2020 outlining the new arrangements for trauma care in Northern Ireland. The NI Major Trauma Network has been co-ordinating the provision of adult and child trauma care across Northern Ireland and the new trauma care system will help ensure the

delivery of trauma care to the right patient, in the right place, at the right time. The link to the website will be shared with Members.

Mr Turley

- Mr Turley confirmed the Health Minister Robin Swann has now launched a full public consultation on Northern Ireland's new alcohol and drug strategy. The consultation document is available on the DoH website and responses are invited by 5 February 2021. Mr Turley indicated that he was happy to take comments from Members for feeding back into the Consultation. Cllr Smart suggested that it might add more weight if LCG submit a collective response to the Consultation. Ms Dowds also added that there are mental health services currently available that are being under-used. DAISY is a Drug's and Alcohol service available for young people and their families in Belfast & SE Trust areas. She advised that the PHA is planning a workshop in the new year looking at 3 priority areas of concern to MH&SP & D&A areas of work.

Engagements

- The Chair advised that he had met with some Members of the LCG individually and had found the meetings very valuable. The aim is to understand Members own priorities, requirements and /or concerns in respect of meeting the health and social care needs of the South Eastern population.
- The Chair attended the HSCB Board Meeting. He reported that a number of concerns were raised around the ability to gain the totality of responses in order to produce a comprehensive performance report. In relation to the finance report, a concern was raised around dental procedures as well as pharmacy and medicine efficiencies. Mr Rooney commented that in relation to dental issues, the follow time has

reduced to 25 minutes from 1 hour making it possible to see 8 patients a day from 5 patients. Mr Rooney agreed to provide an update on the position of dental for the LCG in December.

Mr Rooney

- The Chair and Mr Turley also attended the Chairs and Leads meeting on Wednesday 28th October in which Members received a presentation on “Responding to the Psychological Impact of the COVID 19 Pandemic.”

67/20 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 1 October 2020.**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 1 October 2020 were approved. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

68/20 **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

(i) Page 3 – Engagements

Mr Turley advised that the second inequalities workshop on the 7th October was attended by the Chair, Cllr Palmer, Ms Fleck and Mr Farrell. He said there would be a further meeting with ICP colleagues to discuss the next steps and would keep Members informed.

(ii) Page 3 – SET Demography investments

Mr Turley highlighted that at the workshop in the morning he had shared with Members a paper on the South Eastern LCG - Demography Allocation 2020/21 for consideration. The paper presents planned expenditure across four Trust directorates -Hospital, Primary Care and Older People, Adult Services and children services.

Mr Turley pointed out the substantial investments in ED Nursing staff as well as in the Older People’s POC. Ms McMillan emphasized the importance of the

investments in Domiciliary Care and highlighted that SET had been piloting these models pre-covid19 and subsequently is now the Champion in taking forward these new models. The Care Management investment is also significant in supporting the role of care managers.

Mr Turley also pointed out that £1.5m has been invested to enhance district nursing services. Ms Cunningham informed Members that a business case is being developed through the PHA and that this investment aims to increase the number of District Nurses (AfC Band 7) by 21 WTE. She also referred to the Neighbourhood Nursing Model that Rose McHugh is leading on that will also be a key driver within this investment.

(iv) Page 4 - Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP) and Local Outcomes Groups

Mr Turley advised that at the public meeting in October Ms Gibson asked Members to consider nominating a member of the LCG to sit on the South Eastern Outcomes Group for CYPSP. The Chair was pleased to confirm that Ms Fleck has been nominated to sit on the group on behalf of the LCG.

(v) Page 5 - Developing a programme for LCGs for the next two years

Mr Turley advised that at the morning workshop he shared and discussed the paper on the Local Commissioning Group Priorities 2020-22 with Members.

(vi) Page 7 – Any Other Business

Cllr Palmer thanked Mr Turley for dealing with her query in relation to NIAS. Mr Turley confirmed that NIAS will be coming to a future LCG to update Members.

Current Strategic Drivers for Mental Health & Learning Disability – Ms Mary Donaghy, Social Care Commissioning Lead MHL, Social Services, HSCB

The Chair welcomed Ms Mary Donaghy, Social Care Commissioning Lead, HSCB, to the public meeting and Members received a presentation on the current strategic drivers for mental health and learning disability. In terms of the Covid19 the second surge, Ms Donaghy covered the following areas; capacity to deliver inpatient mental health/learning disability services as well as community services. She confirmed that patients presenting for the first time in Mental Health services were increasing. Ms Donaghy highlighted the impact of covid19 on services users, carers, families and staff as well as the challenges around keeping services open in the Trusts and in Voluntary and Community Sectors services.

Ms Donaghy made reference to the Mental Health Action Plan – 38 recommendations. She also referred to the work being developed around the Mental Health Strategy and the integration of Learning Disability into this strategy. She made reference to the Review of Muckamore Abbey, the development of the adult learning disability service model and the development of low secure provision for adults and children.

Mr Damien Brannigan, Assistant Director (Interim) Mental Health, SET, also added that bed capacity has become a major challenge within MH/LD services in the Trust and there has been an observed increase in activity and in patients presenting for the first time. He indicated that there would need to be a whole system approach to tackle the bed management and workforce problem that would also require support from the Board and Department. He stressed that there is also over occupancy in learning disability wards and that the closure of beds in Muckamore has also been challenging.

The Chair thanked Ms Donaghy and Mr Brannigan for

their very useful contribution to the LCG meeting and advised that the LCG would continue to work with MH/LD planning team to try and move these issues forward.

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Report by Commissioning Lead

Mr Turley, Commissioning Lead, advised that he had covered the majority of the matters on the Commissioning update report during the course of this meeting.

No More Silos – SET presentation

Mr Turley notified Members that he had received comments back from Dr Howe and Dr Johnson around single GP practices and care homes in relation to the work on No More Silos by Ms Naomi Dunbar. He welcomed more comments from Members.

Mr Turley talked about Rapid access and further development to cover more services, such as the expansion of hubs from three day a week to 5 or 7 day a week. He said that the initial proposals coming forward are quite costly, and that there are issues with affordability and availability of workforce that will need to be looked at. He indicated that there will hopefully be more information at the December LCG so that we can report back in more detail.

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Questions/ Discussion with the public on local health issues

There were no questions or comments raised by the members of the public.

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Any Other Business

Cllr Smart thanked Dr Timoney for a successful first meeting as Chair and thanked Paul for his assistance in answering his queries. Mr Turley highlighted that Professionals colleagues in the HSCB have provided help in answering the queries coming through.

Date of Next Meeting:

Next meeting is Thursday 3 December 2020 via Video Link.

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____