



**Minutes of the 107th meeting of the South Eastern Local
Commissioning Group held at 2.15pm on Thursday 3 December 2020
via Zoom video link**

PRESENT:

Dr Mark Timoney	-	SELCG Chair Pharmacy
Mr James Rooney	-	Dental representative
Cllr Richard Smart	-	Local Government
Cllr Alex Swan	-	Local Government
Cllr Jenny Palmer	-	Local Government
Ms Kate Fleck	-	Community/Voluntary
Mr Nicholas McCrickard	-	Community/Voluntary
Mr Eamon Farrell	-	Public Health Agency
Ms Deirdre Cunningham	-	Public Health Agency
Ms Jane McMillan	-	Social Care
Dr Jonathan Howe	-	General Practice
Dr Michael Johnson	-	General Practice

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Paul Turley	-	South Eastern Commissioning Lead
Mr Michael Taylor	-	Senior Manager SELCG
Ms Frances Dowds	-	Public Health Agency
Mrs Bernie Mooty	-	Commissioning Officer, SELCG
Ms Fiona Dagg	-	Mental Health Services Manager, SET
Ms Alison Doake	-	Health Development Specialist for Mental Health, Suicide and Prison Services, SET

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Cllr Terry Andrews	-	Local Government
Ms Catherine Murnin	-	Director of Care Services, NI Chest, Heart and Stroke

APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from, Dr James McGlew, Mr Colin Bradley, Ms Siobhan Donald and Dr Peter Ryan.

73/20 **Opening Remarks**

(i) **Welcome**

The Chair, Dr Mark Timoney, welcomed everyone to the 107th public meeting of the South Eastern Local Commissioning Group. He also welcomed the members of the public who were also in attendance.

74/20 **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 advised Members of correspondence dated 17 November 2020 from the Director of Primary Care in the DoH, in relation to an implementation update on the No More Silos Network. An initial allocation of £1m will be made to each Trust to support the following 5 priorities over the next short period; Triage, Phone First, Ambulance Arrival and Handover Zones, Primary and Secondary Care ICT requirements, Direct Access and Rapid Access Pathways.
- The Chair advised that Members had received a paper on No More Silos Network – Inclusion of Involvement and Co-Production within project structures. The Chair emphasised that it was important to review this paper and welcomed comments from LCG Members.
- Mr Turley advised that he had received correspondence from a former Member of the LCG who had been a member of the local Safeguarding Partnership. He indicated that there was an offer for any LCG Member to join this local group.

Members

- The Chair referred to correspondence from the DoH dated 26 November 2020, in relation to the publication of the quarterly Northern Ireland Inpatient, Day Case, Outpatient and Diagnostic Waiting times. He noted the Minister's comments that tackling waiting lists must be a major priority but will not be possible without sustained and substantial investment and additional staffing.
- The Chair advised Members of a DOH news release on the 16th November 2020, in relation to a new phone first service for Emergency Departments. He noted that Dr Winters had referred to this service at the workshop in the morning and that it is being trialled across a number of EDs including Causeway ED. The service will ensure patients can get access to the right care, avoid busy EDs and stay safe.

Engagements

- The Chair attended the HSCB Board Meeting on the 12th November 2020 in which the HSCB Finance and HSCB Performance reports were tabled. The Chair also confirmed that the issue around waiting lists was also discussed.
- The Chair and Mr Turley attended the Chairs and Leads meeting on Wednesday 25th November in which Members received a presentation from Ms Martina Moore – Director of Organisational Change, DoH and Mr Paul Cavanagh, Interim Director of Planning and Commissioning, HSCB on 'The New Planning Model – Proposed Approach.'
- The Chair and Mr Turley also attended the ICP leads meeting on the 18th Nov. He noted that there were good reports of valuable agreement between primary and secondary care. LCG priorities were also discussed. The Chair added that they would also be attending the SE ICP

Partnership meeting on the 10th December 2020.

- The Chair advised that he is continuing his meetings with individual LCG Members. He said that the meetings have been helpful in understanding Members own priorities, requirements and /or concerns in respect of meeting the health and social care needs of the South Eastern population.

75/20 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 5 November 2020.**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 5 November 2020 were approved. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

76/20 **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

- (i) Page 4 – The Northern Ireland’s new alcohol and drug strategy

Mr Turley advised Members that responses to the Northern Ireland’s new alcohol and drug strategy consultation are invited by 5 February 2021 and that he will be picking up on this issue again with Members.

Mr Turley

- (ii) Page 5 – update on Dental

Mr Rooney updated Members on Dental services. He noted that the follow time has reduced to 25 minutes from 1 hour making it possible to potentially see more patients. He raised concerns about the availability of PPE and also dentist’s incomes being affected by covid19.

- (iii) Page 7 – No More Silos – SET Presentation

Mr Turley noted that at the workshop in the morning Members received an update from Dr John Winter and Dr Chris Leggett on the No More Silos Network.

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Presentation on 'Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Services in the SE' – Public Health Agency

The Chair welcomed Ms Frances Dowds, Health and Wellbeing Improvement Manager, PHA, Ms Fiona Dagg, Mental Health Services Manager, SET, and Ms Alison Doake, Health Development Specialist for Mental Health, Suicide and Prison Services, SET, to the public meeting. He added that at the public meeting in November Ms Mary Donaghy gave an overview on the current strategic drivers for Mental Health and Learning Disability and therefore keeping with that theme it would be useful to look at Mental health again from a health improvement aspect.

Ms Dowds stated that that the aim of the presentation is to look at the impact of covid on mental health, provide relevant information to the public as well as Members of the LCG and clarify the role of the Public Health Agency. Ms Dowds pointed out the range of policies and processes that influence the strategic context. She identified that in terms of Mental health the DoH will provide a strategic oversight, the PSNI provide enforcement/response to sudden death. The PHA are responsible for commissioning Tier 1 and Tier 2 level services with the majority of services provided by voluntary and community organisations. The HSCB commission mostly Tier 3 and 4 level services with the majority of services provided by SEHSCT, Primary and Secondary Care.

Ms Dowds outlined the key functions of the PHA and the corporate aim of health and social wellbeing improvement. PHA achieve improvements in health through initiatives and partnerships with key stakeholders that address the wider determinants of health and social wellbeing and target specific issues. The PHA address inequalities by implementing a programme of interventions, and by supporting networks, in our most vulnerable communities. In addition to the specialities within the thematic areas,

the team are also required to target specific settings and target population groups.

Ms Dowds highlighted the factors affecting health outcomes as well as the Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Partnerships and Structures. She also outlined the list of counselling, bereavement and self-harm services that are also available.

Members received a copy of the Directory of Services to help improve mental health and emotional wellbeing.

Ms Dowds emphasized the importance of engaging in consultations that are taking place and encouraged Members to get involved as it is an important way to have their voice heard and put forward any issues and concerns.

Ms Alison Doake gave an overview of Mental Health Promotion and Suicide Prevention Resources and Supports. She added that the biggest challenge has been lockdown as it has not been possible to do face to face sessions and a lot of training has had to be delivered on line. She highlighted that training in suicide awareness and mental health is for a range of gate keepers in both the community and statutory sectors. Evidence based training programmes include: Safe TALK. Ms Doake talked through some of the outcomes of the training and highlighted that 99% felt that the training was worthwhile.

Ms Dagg outlined the list of mental health services within SET and the associated teams. She added that MATT - Multi Agency Triage Team has been set up to support individuals and their families through mental health crises, delivering timely, safe, effective, high quality person centred care to those experiencing a mental health crisis. It is made up of Mental Health Professionals working alongside dedicated Police Officers and Paramedics. Ms Dowds added that MATT has demonstrated it is an effective model with potential for further roll out across NI.

Ms Dagg finished the presentation by updating Members on the Mental Health Hub in the Lisburn sector and highlighted that more people have been referred to the hubs during the period of covid19 because of loneliness and isolation etc. Members also received a copy of the Recovery College Prospectus 2020-2021, an online college that offers educational course on mental health and wellbeing.

Members commended the work that has been developed so far by the team in terms of Mental Health promotion and suicide prevention. Cllr Swan commented that he is aware of the damage suicide can cause to families and that early intervention is key.

Some discussion took place around wellbeing hubs and some of the gaps and inconsistency across areas particularly in Ards and North Down. Ms Dowds said that some areas may have stronger community infrastructures than others and that there is also the challenge of having resources available. She added that there is still a high range of provision of community services available. Mr Turley commented on the inequity between some areas in terms of access to wellbeing hubs and agreed to raise this issue with the ICP for potential solutions.

Mr Turley also added that he had attended the Strategic Community Planning Partnership Meeting on the 2nd December and received an excellent presentation on the results of a community survey on people's experiences during the covid19 period in AND. Mr Turley agreed to share this presentation with Members.

Mr Turley

The Chair thanked Ms Dowds and Trust colleagues for an excellent presentation and noted the potential to follow up on many of the issues discussed.

78/20 **Report by Commissioning Lead**

Mr Turley advised Members that he has been asked to chair the Lisburn and Castlereagh Strategic

Community Planning Partnership next year. He noted that the Council has been working with the Carnegie UK Trust to enhance the involvement of the community and voluntary sector in the community planning process and will continue to update Members in relation to this.

Mr Turley

Mr Turley noted that Members had received a quarterly bulletin activity on Older People and People with a Physical and Sensory Disability. He asked Members to review the paper and come back with any comments.

Members

Mr Farrell updated Members on a Physiotherapy Prescribing Pilot that had commenced last week and will run for 6 months in the SET. Physiotherapists will be able to issue prescription forms directly to the patients at outpatient and community clinics. This will benefit patients with lymphedema or living with musculoskeletal or respiratory conditions and reduce duplication from GPs. Mr Farrell advised Members that he would be happy to do a presentation on this pilot in the new year.

Ms McMillan advised Members that they had just secured funding for a shared lives model for SET. This is a model that offers an alternative approach for people who need support where trained Shared Lives Carers share their own homes and family lives with adults after a careful matching process. Ms McMillan added that the framework is going through the final procurement process and that they hope to have a provider for this model in the new year. She added that she would be happy to do a presentation on this model in the new year.

Mr Taylor updated Members on the ongoing projects by the prescribing committee and informed them that slippage had given the potential to fund a project to reduce the use of Tapentadol. The SE LCG area has the highest prescribing rates of Tapentadol within NI. This proposal will offer the General Practice Audit of Tapentadol Prescribing to all 51 practices in SE LCG to allow review and action plans to be implemented by

end of March 2021.

He also added that the LCG and Trust are also proposing to establish a small team to review the use of Gabapentinoids in the South Eastern area. This is especially important as these prescription medicines are known to be widely misused. Data also indicates that Gabapentinoids prescribing is higher in the SE LCG area than in the rest of Northern Ireland. The projects were noted by Members.

Mr Turley also made reference to the good news story that the vaccine for Covid19 has been approved for use. Work is now underway to roll out the vaccine programme to those who are most at risk.

79/20 **Questions /Discussion with the public on local health issues**

There were no questions from members of the public but both members thanked the LCG for a very interesting and informative meeting particularly in relation to the Mental Health presentation.

80/20 **Any other Business**

Cllr Palmer raised a concern that had been brought to her attention in relation to night shift staff not been able to exit car parking at the Ulster Hospital without paying. Mr Turley agreed to enquire about access to free car parking with the Trust. Dr Johnson also noted a concern about some staff at LVH having to park offsite.

Mr Turley

81/20 **Date of Next Meeting:**

Next meeting is Thursday 4 February 2021 via Video Link.

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____