

**Minutes of the 110th meeting of the South Eastern Local
Commissioning Group held at 2.00pm on Thursday 1st April 2021
via Zoom video link**

PRESENT:

Dr Mark Timoney (Chair)	-	SELCG Chair Pharmacy
Cllr Richard Smart	-	Local Government
Cllr Terry Andrews	-	Local Government
Cllr Jenny Palmer	-	Local Government
Cllr Alex Swan	-	Local Government
Ms Kate Fleck	-	Community/Voluntary
Mr Nicholas McCrickard	-	Community/Voluntary
Dr Jonathan Howe	-	General Practice
Dr Michael Johnson	-	General Practice
Dr James McGlew	-	General Practice
Ms Frances Dowds	-	PHA
Mr Eamon Farrell	-	PHA
Ms Jane McMillan	-	Social Care

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Paul Turley	-	South Eastern Commissioning Lead
Ms Bernie Mooty	-	Commissioning Officer, SELCG
Ms Corrina Grimes	-	Regional Advance Care Planning Lead, Department of Health
Mr Craig Moore	-	Advance Care Support Manager
Ms Michelle Smyth	-	Project Support Officer, DoH
Ms Saika Akram	-	Project Support Officer, PHA

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Ms Marian Mawhinney	-	MS Society
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APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Mr James Rooney, Ms Siobhan Donald, Ms Deirdre Cunningham, Dr Peter Ryan and Mr Colin Bradley. It was noted that Ms Cunningham had been requested to support the Covid vaccination programme at the SSE arena.

100/21 **Opening Remarks**

(i) **Welcome**

The Chair, Dr Mark Timoney, welcomed everyone to the 110th public meeting of the South Eastern Local Commissioning Group. He also welcomed the members of the public who were also in attendance.

101/21 **Chairman's Business**

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.

Correspondence

- Mr Turley advised Members that an LCG response to the Draft Mental Health Strategy 2021-2031 has been issued. Ms Dowds also noted that the PHA has engaged with stakeholders to determine and agree specific commissioning priorities that PHA will support with the funding available. Public consultations have ended but Members can still contribute via an online questionnaire - <https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/doh-public-health-agency/protect-life-2-stakeholder-engagement/> Opened 15 Feb, Closes 11 April. It was also discussed that it would be useful to arrange a colleague from the Trust to attend an LCG meeting and update Members on the tier 3 and tier 4 mental health services. Mr Turley noted that, Ms Mary Donaghy, Social Care, HSCB, had briefed the LCG in late 2020 on the Mental Health action plan and tier 3 and 4 services in the south east.
- Mr Turley also referred to correspondence he

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received from the Department of Health dated 5 March 2021 in relation to the development of an Advance Care Planning (ACP) policy for adults in NI. This is part of a programme of work supported by the Department to develop and implement a public health approach to palliative care. Members received a presentation from Ms Corrina Grimes on this policy at today's meeting.

- Mr Turley advised Members that he received an activity report up to September 2020 from PMSI on Older People & Physical Disability Sensory Impairment. Members also received a copy for their information.
- Mr Turley referred to correspondence dated the 25 March 2021 from Dr Margaret O'Brien HSCB, Mr Chris Matthews and Mr Alistair Campbell, DoH, in relation to the NMS network and the completion of implementation plans and supporting Business Cases by 23rd April 2021. Mr Turley added that he will be providing further updates on this for Members.

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Engagements

- The Chair advised that he attended the Board meeting on 11th March in which there were discussions around performance issues. Members also received a presentation from Dr Siobhan O'Neill on the mental health report.
- The Chair and Mr Turley attended a meeting on 15th March with Newry, Mourne and Down Council. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the Chair of the LCG and discuss the future change in arrangements in relation to local health and social care planning and the potential future role of Councils in partnership with the new health and social care planning model. A similar meeting with Lisburn and Castlereagh

Council will be taking place on 19 April. A meeting with the SET Chief Executive has also been arranged for the 7 May 2021.

- The Chair and Mr Turley attended the Chairs and Leads meeting on the 31st March 2021 in which Members received a presentation from Ms Edel O'Doherty on 'Cooperation and Working Together CAWT.'
- The Chair also noted that he had attended an ICP social prescribing meeting in the Lisburn area along with ICP Pharmacist, Ms Louise Seymour.
- Mr Turley advised that he and Cllr Richard Smart attended a virtual community meeting in Comber on 15th March 2021. This was a public meeting of Ards and North Down Borough Council regarding their request for additional GP services in Comber due to area plans for future additional housing in the area. He added that it was a very useful engagement, with good discussion on a range of issues. He advised Members he had reiterated positive comments back to the Chairman of the Council.

Some discussion took place around the link between health colleagues and the community representatives. Members agreed that there was a gap in the AND area and the need to come together to help sustain resources and initiatives. It was agreed that a meeting with Mr Turley, Mr McCrickard and Cllr Smart would be useful to discuss these issues further.

- The Chair advised that he would be attending the Lisburn health inequalities session on 23rd April 2021, 10-12noon and asked if any Members based in Lisburn were interested in attending to contact Ms Caitriona McKernan in the ICP to book a place. Contact details will be circulated to

Mr Turley

Ms Mooty

Members.

- The Chair also referred to an engagement he had with the Health Minister on the 29 March at his pharmacy in relation to the launch of the pharmacy Covid19 immunisation service. He added that almost 350 community pharmacies are taking part in NI's Covid-19 vaccination.

102/21 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 4 March 2021.**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 4 March 2021 were approved. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

103/21 **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

104/21 **'Advance Care Planning Policy for Adults in Northern Ireland' - Ms Corrina Grimes, Regional Advance Care Planning Lead, Department of Health.**

The Chair welcomed Ms Corrina Grimes, Regional Advance Care Planning (ACP) Lead, DoH, to the public meeting and introductions were carried out.

Ms Grimes highlighted that the Department of Health is developing an ACP policy for adults in NI. The key aim of the policy will be to encourage people to think about what matters to them and if they became unwell, to consider their wishes, feelings, beliefs and values to help them to plan ahead for their future. She added that this is part of a programme of work supported by the Department to develop and implement a public health approach to palliative care.

Ms Grimes outlined the 4 main objectives within the ACP policy. She indicated that there had been overwhelming support for the new ACP policy post the initial early stakeholder engagement in phase 1. She pointed out that a wide-ranging early stakeholder

engagement process is underway in phase 2 to inform the development of the ACP policy. The engagement process will help increase awareness of the importance of ACP for all of us as well as providing an opportunity to contribute to the policy development process. This will include a 12 week public consultation process and an implementation phase.

Cllr Smart asked if the role of Councils could contribute to the engagement process. He also added and that it would be beneficial for members of the council to receive a presentation on ACP as it is a very important subject matter for everyone. Ms Grimes said that they would welcome any opportunity to link with councils and develop these public messages.

Dr Howe talked about the concept of ACP as an umbrella term covering personal, clinical, legal, and financial planning to prepare for a person's future care. He said that education is key, particularly in terms of normalising conversations around ACP and reducing any misconceptions.

Cllr Palmer talked about a family member that had kept a diary detailing the diet and alternative medicines used to care for their partner to give them a better quality of life. Ms Grimes responded by saying the quality of life and understanding what matters to that person is very important. Having conversations with those important to us about our wishes, feelings, beliefs and values and preferences for our future care is a critical part.

Mr McCrickard talked about the possibility of involving the role of the community and voluntary sector, particularly in terms of the Healthy Living Centres and social prescribing.

Ms McMillan agreed to liaise with Ms Grimes to reference how the policy links in with accessibility for physical and sensory loss.

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McMillan/Ms
Grimes

Mr Turley indicated this is a challenging piece of work

for the Palliative Care in Partnership Programme and that the communication strategy is very extensive. He advised Members that they will be hearing more about this in the coming months.

The Chair thanked Ms Grimes for a very useful and important presentation.

Report by Commissioning Lead

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- Mr Turley noted that there are plans for a workshop and task and finish group to develop a single pathway for the prevention, management and follow up of falls in care homes across the region. A provisional date for workshop is set for the 29th April and they will be seeking nominations from key stakeholders across the care home sector to be part of the task and finish group and also contribute to the workshop. All LCG Chairs will also be invited.
- Mr Turley also noted that at the morning session Members received a presentation from Mr Shane Breen on the development of an Intermediate Care Network for NI.
- Mr Turley reported that at the morning session Members received a presentation from Mr Roger Kennedy on No More Silos – Urgent and Emergency Care Review.
- Mr Turley advised Members that they are now finalising commissioning arrangements ahead of the SET opening its new Acute Services Block (ASB) at UHD towards the end of this year. He added that he would be looking at this in more detail at a future meeting of the LCG. He will also be providing more detail on the development of a new Mental Health facility in the SET.
- Ms McMillan made reference to the challenges that our deaf community are being faced with

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during Covid19 as they have been unable to access services. She added that a temporary service is being provided by Interpreter Now and is funded by the Department of Health and the Department for Communities. This service will continue for another 4 months. She agreed to forward this information out to Members.

Ms McMillan

Questions /Discussion with the public on local health issues

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Ms Mawhinney had to leave the meeting early but thanked the Chair for a very informative meeting.

Any other Business

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Cllr Smart advised Members that he had attended the AND Disability Forum and commended the partnership. He encouraged Members to share details of any similar forums in the Lisburn Castlereagh and Newry, Mourne and Down area.

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Date of Next Meeting:

Next meeting is Thursday 6 May 2021 via Video Link.

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DATE: _____