

**Minutes of the 109th meeting of the South Eastern Local  
Commissioning Group held at 2.00pm on Thursday 4 March 2021 via  
Zoom video link**

**PRESENT:**

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| Dr Mark Timoney (Chair) | - | SELCG Chair Pharmacy   |
| Mr James Rooney         | - | Dental representative  |
| Cllr Richard Smart      | - | Local Government       |
| Cllr Terry Andrews      | - | 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 Deirdre Cunningham   | - | Nursing representative |

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

|                    |   |                                  |
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| Mr Paul Turley     | - | South Eastern Commissioning Lead |
| Mrs Bernie Mooty   | - | Commissioning Officer, SELCG     |
| Mr Seamus McErlean | - | Social Care Lead, HSCB           |

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

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| Cllr Sorcha Eastwood | - | Lisburn Castlereagh Councillor |
| Ms Brenda McFall     | - | Lisburn Carer Advocate         |
| Ms Marian Mawhinney  | - | MS Society                     |

**APOLOGIES:**

Apologies for absence were received from, Cllr Jenny Palmer, Cllr Alex Swan, Ms Siobhan Donald, Ms Frances Dowds, Ms Jane McMillan and Mr Colin Bradley.

91/21 **Opening Remarks**

(i) **Welcome**

The Chair, Dr Mark Timoney, welcomed everyone to

the 109th public meeting of the South Eastern Local Commissioning Group and extended a warm welcome to our new LCG Member, Cllr Terry Andrews, from the Newry Mourne and Down District Council. He also welcomed the members of the public who were also in attendance.

92/21 **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 the DOH published the quarterly Northern Ireland Inpatient, Day Case, Outpatient and Diagnostic Waiting Times Statistics –position at 31 December 2020. He noted that 323,174 patients were waiting for a first consultant-led outpatient appointment. A total of 105,159 patients were waiting to be admitted to hospitals in Northern Ireland and a total of 144,433 patients were waiting a diagnostic test. He added that the elective care recovery plan will map a pathway on how we will address these numbers and that he would be keen to table this at a future LCG meeting.
- Mr Turley advised Members that in correspondence dated the 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020 the Minister has announced funding of £1.5m to help improve patient throughput at dental surgeries in Northern Ireland. The new grant scheme is designed to provide financial support for dental services for upgrading or installing new ventilation systems which will increase the number of patients who have been unable to obtain appointments.

- Mr Turley referred to correspondence dated the 4 February 2021 in relation to 'Life Expectancy in Northern Ireland 2017-19.' He added that life expectancy estimates are presented for Trust and Local Government Districts and noted that male life expectancy was highest in NI in the Lisburn and Castlereagh LCD (80.1years) and likewise for females, it was highest in the Lisburn and Castlereagh LCD (83.5year). Mr Turley agreed to make this report available to Members -<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/news/health-survey-ni-first-results-201920>.

Mr Turley

- Mr Turley noted correspondence he received from the DOH dated 15 February 2021 in relation to the Health Minister welcoming a pre-consultation for suicide prevention and post-vention services. He advised that the pre-consultation is being undertaken by the PHA and that it is commencing to pave the way for developing and commissioning suicide prevention services. He advised Members that the south eastern engagement event is taking place on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March and encouraged Members to get involved. He also agreed to circulate the details of the events to Members.

Mr Turley

- Mr Turley referred Members to the new Ards and North Down & Down Locality Caring Communities Wellbeing Hub leaflet. He noted the hard work that has been put in place to develop the new integrated service for patients with mild to moderate depression, anxiety, OCD, PTSD etc. Cllr Smart also welcomed the good news and commented that there have already been 46 referrals from GPs into this service. Mr Turley agreed to circulate this information to Members.

Mr Turley

### **Engagements**

- The Chair advised that there have been a number of recent engagements with ICP

colleagues focusing on the LCG action plan and the development of the workplan for the year ahead.

- The Chair and Mr Turley attended a meeting with Mr Stephen Reid, Chief Executive of the Ards and North Down Council. The aim 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 new health and social care planning model. Similar meetings with Lisburn and Newry, Mourne and Down Councils will also be arranged.
- The Chair advised that he had met with Mr Turley and Mr Michael Taylor to discuss prescribing efficiency initiatives with the aim of seeking expression of interests for projects and services next year.
- The Chair and Mr Turley also attended the Chairs and Leads meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021 in which Members received a presentation on the GP Intelligence Platform (GPIP) as well as an update on the New Model of Planning.
- Mr Turley advised that he attended the Castlereagh East engagement workshop on the 11<sup>th</sup> February. He added that it was interesting to hear the issues raised by citizens and the Community and Voluntary sectors and that it was a very useful engagement exercise. A report is being developed and will hopefully be shared with LCG Members when it is complete.

Ms Mooty

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**Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 4 February 2021.**

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

94/21 **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

95/21 **'Dementia Care Services'- Mr Seamus McErlean, Social Care Commissioning Lead (Older People and Adults) HSCB**

The Chair welcomed Mr Seamus McErlean, Social Care Commissioning Lead (Older people and adults) HSCB, to the public meeting and introductions were carried out.

Mr McErlean began by giving Members some background on the Dementia strategy that was launched in 2011 with 44 recommendations /7 themes. He added that there are 22-25,000 people living with dementia, 1,600 are under the age of 65. In SET there are 2772 and by 2050 it is estimated that there will be 60,000 people affected.

Mr McErlean went on the outline the investment and costs and indicated that the strategy is estimated to be around £6-8m. He made reference to Dementia Together NI and the three year project that came to an end in 2017. He also referred to the 'Still Me' campaign that was successful in raising awareness of the signs and symptoms, reducing fears and stigma about the condition.

He outlined delivering social change in Phase 1 that will include the training and development of staff. He referred to a delirium assessment and management tool that was developed with regional input and was piloted across the region to assist in the early identification and prevention/treatment of delirium. Ms Cunningham also noted that courses on dementia & Delirium are free for all HSC and Independent Sector staff on [www.cec.hscni.net](http://www.cec.hscni.net) until end June 21.

This phase also sets out to develop and pilot new, innovative models of short breaks to support those with a dementia and those who provide support to them.

He highlighted that in terms of legacy the Dementia Together NI project created and implemented the roll out of 10 Dementia Navigator posts across the region located in HSC Trusts. He added that 44 Dementia navigator roles have also been recruited across the HSC Trusts.

Mr McErlean referred to 5 elements of the Regional Dementia Care Pathway and the integrated dementia service model. He advised Members that ICPs are aiming to have a proposal ready by the end of March with the hope of funding becoming available.

Mr McErlean finished the presentation by highlighting the effect Covid19 has had on dementia but indicated that there was an opportunity to rebuild, reform and transform services with the help of government funding and the Dementia Services Recovery Plan.

Cllr Smart voiced his concern about one of his constituents who's family received a phone call giving them only 48hours to vacate their mother with dementia from this particular nursing home as they were unable to cater for her needs. Mr McErlean responded by saying this was a concern as the legal time should be 1 months' notice but indicated that this was an example that demonstrates how funding is required to support the training of staff so that staff can have more confidence to deal with difficult situations.

Dr Howe commented that in relation to patients that are diagnosed before the age of 65 that it is easier to access the under 65 Mental Health team than psychiatric geriatrics. Mr McErlean advised that Dementia navigators also have a key role in signposting a person to the right place.

The Chair thanked Mr McErlean for an excellent presentation and a very worthwhile discussion. Mr

McErlean advised that his contact details and various links were on the presentation if Members had any questions.

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### **Report by Commissioning Lead**

- Mr Turley gave Members an update on the development of the new Integrated Care Systems in NI. He talked about the case for change and how this has been reflected in past policies and reports such as the Bengoa report, Making life Better and The Health and Wellbeing 2016 etc. He added that there now is a clear opportunity to move forward. The closure of the HSC Board is the first step in a longer term transformation, a recognised need to transform how we plan and manage services.

Mr Turley advised Members that the Minister granted approval for programme of work to develop an Integrated Care System (ICS) model. He added that the Project is now established as a workstream under the Rebuilding Management Board. Given the task in hand the project will be split into three phases. The first Phase will be the development and implementation of an ICS Prototype across all regions of NI. He highlighted that he is part of the group that will produce a draft framework to support the establishment of a prototype ICS model across NI.

He also pointed out that there has been some engagement work with the Kings Fund to inform policy development and referred Members to their website for further information.

Mr Turley identified the layers within the ICS with the Minister/DoH at the top layer followed by planning and performance, 5 ICS prototype areas and the ICPs, GP federation, MDT and community planning.

Member of public, Ms Mawhinney, MS Society,

advised that part of her role is to look after the South West England and that she has engaged with the Kings Fund through various webinars. She commented that it would be interesting to see how it comes together in NI especially in the Trust areas.

Mr Turley thanked Ms Mawhinney for her input and agreed to share with Members the publication from NHS England – Integrating Care.

Mr Turley

- Mr Turley also noted that at the morning session Members received a presentation from Ms Louise Seymour, Community Pharmacist in Boots, on the Ask for ANI Campaign.
- Mr Turley reported that at the morning session Mr Colin Bradley updated Members on the 2021/22 DoH Budget Outcome Consultation.
- Mr Turley noted that Members had received a presentation at the morning session on the Consultation on the Draft Mental Health Strategy 2021-2031 from Ms Phil Hughes. He advised that the closing date is the 26 March 2021 and encouraged Members to forward any comments to him by Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March.
- Mr Turley referred to a number of other consultations that are currently out. The Programme for Government consultation is seeking opinions on the draft framework of nine Outcomes that the Executive has urged everyone to have their say in order to help create a better society. The closing date for comments is the 22 March 2021. He also referred to the consultation into legislative options to bring forward a new Adult Protection Bill. He added that this bill is particularly important when considering the events at Muckamore Abbey Hospital and Dunmurry Manor Care Home as it marks a significant step forward in placing Adult

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protection on a statutory footing. He stressed that there are some adults who are at significant risk of harm and it for those people that these improved protection arrangements can be put in place. The closing date for comments is 11 March 2021.

- Mr Turley also advised that Ms Cunningham will feedback on the District Nursing Interim Report and the Falls in Care Homes Pathway work at the next LCG meeting.

Ms  
Cunningham

97/21 **Questions /Discussion with the public on local health issues**

Cllr Eastwood advised Members that she has organised a public event this evening in relation to the Draft Mental Health Consultation and would be happy to feedback to the LCG. Mr Turley agreed that it would be useful to arrange a call with Cllr Eastwood to discuss this further.

98/21 **Any other Business**

No items reported

99/21 **Date of Next Meeting:**

Next meeting is Thursday 1 April 2021 via Video Link.

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