

**Minutes of the 119<sup>th</sup> South Eastern Local Commissioning Group  
Public Meeting held at 2.00pm on Thursday 9 June 2022  
Sketrick House, Ards Business Hub**

**PRESENT in person:**

Cllr Richard Smart (Chair)	-	Local Government
Cllr Alex Swan	-	Local Government
Cllr Terry Andrews	-	Local Government
Ms Heather McFarlane	-	Public Health Agency
Mr Nicholas McCrickard	-	Community/Voluntary
Ms Kate Fleck	-	Community/Voluntary
Dr Jonathan Howe	-	General Practitioner
Dr Michael Johnson	-	General Practitioner
Ms Jane McMillan	-	Strategic Planning and Performance Group

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr Paul Turley	-	South Eastern Commissioning Lead
Ms Sian Campbell	-	Commissioning Officer, South Eastern LCG

<b>1.</b>	<p><b><u>APOLOGIES:</u></b></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Brendan O’Hara, Frances Dowds, Dr Peter Ryan, Siobhan Donald, Cllr Jenny Palmer and Dr James McGlew</p>	
<b>2.</b>	<p><b><u>Chair’s Welcome and Opening Remarks</u></b></p> <p>The Chair, Councillor Richard Smart, welcomed everyone to the 119<sup>th</sup> public meeting of the South Eastern Local Commissioning Group which took place in Sketrick House, Ards Business Hub. Due to technical issues the meeting was not available for virtual link in.</p>	
<b>3.</b>	<p><b><u>Chairman’s Business</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Declaration of Conflict of Interest</u></b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ICS Webinar, Friday 10 June at 8.30am, linked shared with</li> </ul>	

	<p>members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pathology Blueprint Programme newsletter has been circulated to members. A hard copy was circulated to members for reference.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Engagements</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chair and Mr. Paul Turley attended the most recent Chairs and Leads meeting on 25 May. The meeting focused on the Work Plan in terms of transformation and integration with the ICS Strategy from LCG to ICS.</li> <li>• Brief meeting with ICP colleagues, addressed directorate changes.</li> </ul>	
<p>4.</p>	<p><b><u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting Held on 3 May 2022</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The minutes of the previous meeting were discussed with one amendment.</li> </ul>	
<p>5.</p>	<p><b><u>Matters Arising from the Minutes of 3 May 2022</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unscheduled Care</li> <li>• Interpreting, focus addressed Ukrainian population to NI</li> <li>• Tour of the Lisburn Primary Community Care Centre, hopeful for opening in September</li> <li>• Anne Brownlee, Assistant Director of Finance, SPPG to talk on financial situation of SPPG for 2022/23, focus on budget position for Health and Social Care for this year, the implications of not having an assembly and the detail associated with the South Eastern area. Ms Brownlee was not available to speak at today's public meeting however the LCG are hopeful to invite to next meeting</li> <li>• Update on Cancer Strategy</li> <li>• Consultation of the Reform of Adult Social Care - Ms Jane McMillan spoke on the consultation which has been extended to 1 July 2022. There are 48 proposed actions to cover 6 overall priorities which include – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sustainable system building</li> <li>2. A valued workforce</li> <li>3. Individual choice and control</li> <li>4. Prevention and early intervention</li> <li>5. Supporting family carers</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>ACTION: S Campbell</p>

	<p>6. Primacy of home</p> <p>Ms McMillan provided a brief overview of the consultation.</p> <p>Consultation link to be re-shared to members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work on locality mapping</li> <li>• LVH MLU temporary pause and work of Rapid Review team</li> <li>• Lagan Valley ED Consultation closed 22 April 2022</li> <li>• Changes around Unscheduled Care</li> <li>• Children and Young Peoples Strategic Outcomes Group – workshop took place mid-May to focus on what SE priorities could be developed to link in with regional priorities. A further meeting to be held in June. Mr Turley suggested Maurice Leeson to give LCG an update on the partnership in future meeting</li> </ul>	<p>ACTION: J McMillan</p>          <p>ACTION: P Turley</p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Report by Commissioning Lead</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unscheduled Care review and consultation now underway, Mr Turley suggested a follow up with colleagues for an update on the consultation for future LCG meeting. Deputy Secretary, Sharon Gallagher has established an Unscheduled Care Hub to have a dedicated work plan around the management of unscheduled care.</li> <li>• Director of Commissioning, Paul Cavanagh has taken unwell, LCG members shared their well wishes. Mr Turley advised that the Deputy Secretary, Sharon Gallagher has made changes to the structure of the SPPG arrangement. Brendan Whittle as from Monday 13 June will oversee the Directorate of Hospital and Community Care that oversees commissioning and social care. The Integrated Care Partnership team will move to the Transformation Directorate to support the development and implementation of the new commissioning approach.</li> <li>• Discussion on priorities for SPPG with a focus on areas such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rebuilding the Health and Social Care system</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>ACTION: P Turley</p>

- Outpatient assessments
- AHP reviews, Inpatients, days, scopes and diagnostics
- Community Nursing
- Elective Care
- Paediatrics, community and general surgery
- Unscheduled care
- Ambulance service
- Stroke Service
- Community Dental Service
- Specialist services

Meeting held on 8 June of the Regional Rebuild Management Board, with the expectation that services will be rebuilt back to pre-pandemic levels by 30 September 2022 or by exception by 31 March 2023.

Baseline figures for rebuilding will look at 2019/20, month by month the hope is to see an increase in figures by 100% by end of the fourth quarter delivered.

Dr Michael Johnson highlighted his concern over rurality in relation to the ambulance service. Pressures are evident and GPs are seeing this within the South-Down area. Dr Johnson noted the challenge with ambulance response times and issues of patient flow.

Dr Jonathan Howe advised that within the North Down area he has not experienced concerning issues relating to ambulance response times.

Cllr Terry Andrews noted at local level councillors have voiced concerns of ambulance services and issues within certain areas.

Ms Kate Fleck asked, in terms of rebuilding the Health and Social Care system, what the outcome will be if these services are not reached or delivered.

Mr Turley advised that this issue has been raised and is an area for consideration.

- Implementation of the new ICS for Northern Ireland, local

	<p>commissioning groups are hoped to continue on after September. Mr Turley to provide a further update in the next session.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ulster Hospital, ED business case needs to be finalised with Trust counterparts. Proposed time frame looks at October/November 2022.</li><li>• ICP meeting held on 8 June, there will continue to be strong interface between LCG and ICPs in relation to the ICS agenda. One particular piece of work is a request through the transformation programme that would look at locality and community arrangements within the south east area. Mr Turley advised members that he recently received papers from the DoH setting out strategic outcomes and will share in due course.</li></ul> <p>Ms Heather McFarlane asked if the outcomes measures that came through on the Population Health Report could be shared with members. In terms of the work carried out by Allied Health Professions, this would be extremely helpful.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LVH MLU, temporary pause by the Trust in relation to safety issues raised within the Unit. The SE LCG is leading on a Rapid Review whereby an interim paper is to be made available for the Deputy Secretary on the 10 June and a full report to be completed by the 30 June.</li><li>• LVH ED – SPPG will continue to receive a report on services from the Trust. Phone first working well with satisfaction rates reaching over 90%. Outcome of consultation on the temporary arrangements are not yet known.</li><li>• It was noted that a public enquiry is underway in relation to Muckamore Abbey Hospital.</li><li>• Stroke Consultation 2019, a recent campaign run by the Stroke Association called One Thousand Days as nothing has been taken forward since the consultation finished.</li></ul>	<p>ACTION: P Turley</p> <p>ACTION: P Turley</p>
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7.	<p><b><u>Questions / Discussion with the public on local health issues</u></b></p> <p>No member of public in attendance</p>	
8.	<p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Nicholas McCrickard spoke on social prescribing, a pathway from primary care into community activities. Various models currently at play in Northern Ireland and are independently funded. Mr McCrickard noted that the schemes have taken off over past few years and demand is high. The independent funding is coming to an end December 2022. Mr McCrickard talked on how this can be main streamed in some way as it is deemed a very worthwhile service.</li> <li>• Cllr Smart noted that it could be a responsibility for Councils to play their part in social prescribing, especially in terms of those social activities.</li> </ul>	
9.	<p><b><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></b></p> <p>The next meeting will take place on: Thursday 4 August 2022, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick</p>	

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