

**Minutes of the 117th meeting of the South Eastern Local Commissioning Group held at 2.00pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022 via Zoom video link**

**PRESENT:**

- Cllr Richard Smart - Local Government/Chair
- Cllr Jenny Palmer - Local Government
- Cllr Alex Swan - Local Government
- Dr Jonathan Howe - General Practitioner
- Ms Deirdre Cunningham - Public Health Agency
- Ms Heather McFarlane - Public Health Agency
- Ms Kate Fleck - Community/Voluntary
- Mr Nicholas McCrickard - Community/Voluntary
- Ms Jane McMillan - Strategic Planning and Performance Group

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

- Mr Paul Turley - South Eastern Commissioning Lead
- Ms Emma Davison - South Eastern Commissioning LCG
- Ms Sian Campbell - Commissioning Officer, South Eastern LCG
- Mr Brendan O’Hara - Senior Planning & Commissioning Manager, South Eastern LCG

01/22	<p><b><u>APOLOGIES:</u></b></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Terry Andrews, Ms Frances Dowds, Dr James McGlew, Dr Peter Ryan, Dr Michael Johnson</p>	
02/22	<p><b><u>Chair’s Welcome and Opening Remarks</u></b></p> <p>The Chair, Councillor Richard Smart, welcomed everyone to the 117<sup>th</sup> public meeting of the South Eastern Local Commissioning Group.</p>	

**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**

- No correspondence for this month's meeting.

**Engagements**

- The Chair, advised members of his attendance to his first LCG Chairs and Leads Meeting of which he found of great interest in terms of the scoping across the LCGs. The Chair also advised of his attendance at an Integrated Care Systems (ICS) Workshop and highlighted the wide scope of international contributors.
- Mr Paul Turley noted the refocus of discussion at the Chairs and Leads meeting around the LCG plan for the remainder of its tenure and the need to consider in more detail at next month's workshop meeting.
- Mr Turley discussed the New Planning Model and the importance of members to engage with this as we plan to move forward.
- Mr Turley also talked about Cancer services in relation to mental health, whereby Macmillan Cancer Support attended the session giving an insight to their work. Feedback from Macmillan Cancer Support may be useful to share with colleagues.
- Mr Turley attended an evening session on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022, a meeting initiated and hosted by the SET of the Down Partnership Forum. The work is focused at a locality level around the new Integrated Care System.
- Mr Turley noted a further evening engagement on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March which was a South Eastern Trust (SET) consultation on the proposed temporary changes to the Emergency Department at the Lagan Valley Hospital whereby the opening hours were reduced and the introduction of the Phone First arrangement. Mr Turley noted that there were very few members of the public at this meeting.
- Mr Turley noted the Lagan Valley name change from an Emergency Department (ED) to an Urgent Care Centre. It was noted that in terms of the reporting process and the temporary arrangements in place, Mr Turley is continuing to provide a report to the Deputy Secretary, which goes to the Department of Health on a monthly basis. It was noted that the Lisburn population is generally using ED's less than before. The Phone

	<p>First system appears to be working well. Approximately 45,000 leaflets have been dropped to postal addresses in the Lisburn area to remind people of the changes and to encourage appropriate usage.</p>	
04/22	<p><b><u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting Held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022</u></b></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were discussed with one change to Ms Frances Dowds to be moved from present to in attendance.</p>	
05/22	<p><b><u>Matters Arising from the Minutes</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Turley made reference to the publication of the Annual Domiciliary Care Audit and referred to the issue raised by the service user at the commencement of the last public meeting of the individual's care package being handed back.</li> <li>• Jane McMillan – addressed the domiciliary care review and talked about the focus of the report which addresses the impact of Covid on domiciliary care. It was noted that at the start of the pandemic a lot of service users declined their packages of care as they had their loved ones at home, and there may have been apprehension of carers coming into their homes and the fear of infection. Ms McMillan highlighted that coming out of the height of the pandemic the increase of demand for this service then became evident, and a lot of private providers handing back their packages and runs which has happened consistently over the five Trust areas. Ms McMillan noted that during the survey week 300,000 hours of domiciliary care were delivered, with an increase of 7% from the following year. Around 68% of this care provided is outside the normal working hours, most of the care being delivered at the weekends and after 5pm. In terms of SET specifically, the statutory sector delivered 17,000 and the independent sector delivered 68,000 hours.</li> <li>• Mr Turley made reference to the proposed visit to the Acute Services Block at the Ulster Hospital on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April. It was noted that the Ulster Hospital ED are still engaging with SET to finalise the commissioning of this new service, the Trust considered a move in April/May. Unfortunately as the funding has not been finalised this is likely to be deferred and may look to Autumn 2022.</li> <li>• Mr Turley made reference to page 6 of the minutes making</li> </ul>	

	<p>reference to GP practices being closed and a correction was made that the practices have not been closed during the pandemic and members reflected on the pressures on general practices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Jonathan Howe addressed the frustration and access to getting through to practices. Dr Howe discussed the on-the-day model approach where demand is mopped up on the day which causes a high volume of patients trying to contact their practice which in turn leads to frustration.</li> </ul>	
06/22	<p><b>Report by Commissioning Lead</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Turley reflected on the morning workshop where Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) colleagues Dr John Winter and Gillian Lewis gave an update to members on the ongoing work and ICP Workplan 2021- 22 and highlighted the success of the inequalities work in the Lisburn area. Ms Kate Fleck asked if the inequalities report may be shared with members. Mr Brendan O'Hara responded that he believed it is still in draft and will confirm with Ms Gillian Lewis on status of this report.</li> <li>• Brendan O'Hara referred to the Lisburn Ethnic Minorities Welcome House Report which was developed by a number of organisations. Ms Mabel Scullion from Barnardo's is hoping to join the next LCG workshop and present on the Welcome House Report, looking at inequalities in the Lisburn area with a focus on health matters.</li> <li>• Mr Turley made reference to the Ukrainian situation whereby quite a number of people from the conflict in Ukraine will be travelling to Northern Ireland. Implications around interpreting services will need to be addressed as there is only 1.5 of a Ukrainian interpreter for Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland.</li> <li>• Mr Turley addressed The Consultation of Urgent and Emergency Care and urged members to consider this and spend some time on this during the next meeting. It was discussed that the Consultation highlights 3 key priority areas: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To look at an integrated approach of urgent care</li> <li>2. Capacity, coordination and performance</li> <li>3. Intermediate care</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Mr Turley noted arrangements through Shane Breen taking forward a new approach to Intermediate Care with the hope to have Mr Breen join the LCG for a future meeting.</li> </ul>	ACTION: Brendan O'Hara

- Cancer Strategy, the Health Minister has identified two locations as rapid diagnostic centres, one in the South Tyrone Hospital, Dungannon and the other in Whiteabbey Hospital.
- Consultation on Minimum Pricing on Alcohol closing 17<sup>th</sup> May, aim for a response from the LCG.
- Consultation on Advance Care Planning, Brendan O'Hara updated members on the LCG response which members had an opportunity to contribute to.
- Ms McMillan commended the Advance Care Planning Consultation and the work to make sure this was a deaf accessible consultation. A signed version of the consultation and sessions were put in place where people could contribute through a signed interpreter.
- Ms Deirdre Cunningham discussed the Northern Ireland Bereavement Network which started mid-2021; the Patient and Client Council have been heavily involved in this work with over 200 people on their engagement platform.
- Mr Turley acknowledged that Covid-19 is still very much with us in terms of its impact on the general population however with the successful vaccination programme the impact on Health and Social Care services is not as extreme as it has been over past two years.
- LCG officers are working on a number of RQIA report recommendations, Mr O'Hara is working on Vulnerable Adults in Prison and Mr Michael Taylor is leading on an RIQA Review of Outpatient Services.
- Lagan Valley, Midwifery Led Unit was discussed during the morning workshop highlighting issues engaging with SET whereby maternity services have now been paused on the basis of three points;
  1. Reduction on the number of births
  2. Ambulance response times
  3. The number of Serious Adverse Incidences (SAI), occurrence highlighted recently in local media.

07/22	<p><b><u>Questions / Discussion with the public on local health issues</u></b></p> <p>No member of public in attendance</p>	
08/22	<p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <p>Ms Emma Davison discussed the lack of engagement from the public in LCG meetings and suggested a social media drive with more sharing on certain platforms. The South Eastern Trust Facebook page does advertise LCG meetings however no sharing or boosting to enhance the notice was recognised. It was highlighted that more notice should be given in advance of the meetings in terms of circulating agendas and capturing more of a public audience. Ms Davison to arrange a meeting with the Strategic Planning and Performance Group (SPPG) communications team to discuss stakeholder engagement and potential promotional tools.</p> <p>The Chair discussed the option of rebalancing the morning and afternoon sessions and possibly tying in a theme which may be an easier engagement.</p> <p>Ms Fleck discussed umbrella networks which the LCG may wish to discuss with the aim to share promotional information to a wider reach.</p>	<p>ACTION: E Davison/S Campbell</p>
09/22	<p><b><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></b></p> <p>The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at Lisburn Primary and Community Care Centre, Lagan Valley Hospital.</p>	

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