

**Minutes of the 120th South Eastern Local Commissioning Group
Public Meeting held at 2.00pm on Thursday 8th September 2022
Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick**

PRESENT (in person):

Cllr Richard Smart (Chair)	-	Local Government
Cllr Jenny Palmer	-	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
Ms Jane McMillan	-	Strategic Planning and Performance Group (SPPG)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Paul Turley	-	South Eastern Commissioning Lead
Mr Brendan O'Hara	-	Snr Planning & Commissioning Manager
Ms Sian Campbell	-	Commissioning Officer, South Eastern LCG
Mrs Sharon Heffron	-	Corporate Secretariat Manager SPPG

1.	<u>APOLOGIES:</u> Cllr Alex Swan, Ms Frances Dowds, Dr Peter Ryan, Ms Siobhan Donald Dr James McGlew, Dr Michael Johnson	
2.	<u>Chair's Welcome and Opening Remarks</u> The Chair, Councillor Richard Smart, welcomed everyone to the 120 th public meeting of the South Eastern Local Commissioning Group which took place in Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick.	
3.	<u>Chairman's Business</u> <u>3.1 Declaration of Conflict of Interest</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <u>3.2 Correspondence</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Paul Turley discussed the recent report from the Service Delivery Plan process and the need for Trusts to return to baseline 	

	<p>performance with commissioned services. The Service Delivery Plan compares month on month performance to the base year of 2019/20 and there is a need to drive performances back to this level, as we move from performance levels during the pandemic.</p> <p>Reviews of statistical performance will be RAG rated in future reports. It is expected that activity levels return to 2019/20 levels by March 2023 and, be exception, by the end of September 2022. Current performances are not acceptable and compared to other regions in GB, Northern Ireland is underperforming.</p> <p>Mr Turley stated conversations with Trusts remain challenging and levels of services across the region are producing disappointing results. Trusts are being held accountable for delivery. He discussed a range of Trust Performances highlighted in the Service Delivery Plan in the context of RAG rating and it is key that an there is an understanding of how these performances have occurred, pressures identified and, importantly, action to improve performance in the short term.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Turley highlighted that the Transformation Agenda and the development of the Integrated Care System (ICS) is moving forward. Ms Martina Moore, Programme Director ICS (NI), is the key person and this programme is a priority within SPPG. <p><u>3.3 Engagements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Turley highlighted a presentation made recently by Dr Gerry Millar on the topic of Mobile X Ray Units. If implemented would provide an excellent resource for Rural areas/Nursing Homes and provide services otherwise requiring journey for those patients more physically challenged to attend mainstream facilities. 	
4.	<p><u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting Held on 9th June 2022</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of the previous meeting were discussed with some slight amendments. 	
5.	<p><u>Matters Arising from the Minutes of 9th June 2022</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A further meeting to be arranged between Mr Turley and Mr Maurice Leeson in relation to Children and Young People's Strategic Outcomes Group. The workshop took place mid-May with a focus on how SE priorities could be developed to link in with overall Regional priorities. Mr Turley suggested Mr Leeson to attend a future meeting of SELCG and provide an update. 	<p>ACTION: Sian Campbell</p>

<p>6.</p>	<p><u>Report by Commissioning Lead</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Turley referred to the Service Delivery Plan and the usefulness of the summary performance data presented for LCGs and Trusts to review. He highlighted the Regional Pathways for Diabetes, which are under review, and a frequent issue. He called on the need for all LCGs to work on this and keen to hear from the Network regarding these. Currently the treatment of Diabetes is a tiered approach Tier 1 & 2 locally managed, the more challenging Tiers 3 & 4 require secondary clinical intervention. <p>Ms Heather McFarlane confirmed a workshop on this topic had been planned for w/c 19th September. Ms McFarlane confirmed the importance of a “whole system” approach and agreed to report back to next month’s SELCG with an update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Jonathan Howe commented on the importance of resources in other areas of health and referenced the courses run by Versus Arthritis as a valuable resource. Mr Turley confirmed places continue on these courses with a 20-person capacity. Ms Kate Fleck added that, as with all resources, it is important that there is a pre-& post course evaluation. Mr Nicholas McCrickard commented on Regionally planned courses through Healthy Living Centres have generally good uptake and feedback is positive. Mr McCrickard asked for the support of the SE LCG to Clanrye Group’s bid to attain funds from the EU PEACEPLUS Fund which is offering up to £12 million over a 5-year period in support of social prescribing and primary care support. He went on to add funding available through Theme 4 Healthy and Inclusive Communities. Timescales for application end of October and requires careful planning to support the bid. <p>Cllr Jenny Palmer added her support to Mr McCrickard’s comments by confirming £5/6 Million of funds has been allocated to Lisburn/Castlereagh to use on the new Social Partnership and Healthy Living.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Turley went on to discuss the Phone First initiative at Lagan Valley Hospital and that feedback was generally positive. Ms Jane McMillan agreed with these comments but added more could be done in relation to patients with hearing loss and the need to promote the services for this section of the community. Similarly work needed on the promotion of this service for people whose first language isn’t English. 	<p>ACTION: Heather McFarlane</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Turley reported on the plans for Lagan Valley Hospital for the development of a Regional Elective Day Procedure Unit. A business case in the region of £7 million is being developed. <p>Further updates on the Maternity Services at this hospital are still under review. It was also noted that the RQIA will undertake a review of all Maternity Services across Northern Ireland.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Turley updated on the overall Primary & Community Care Infrastructure under the guidance of Elaine Hunter is underway which involves a review, including demography, aligned to the expansion of MDTs and the assessment of premises to support future expansion. • Cllr Richard Smart updated on the Primary & Community Care Hub for Lisburn which is now anticipated to be opening in November 2022. The opening is planned for November so that it would not impact on the seasonal vaccination campaigns. • Mr Turley discussed the area of Unscheduled Care and an update on the new Emergency Department facility for the SE Region at the Ulster Hospital. There are some pressure points due to volumes of beds as they transfer from the old to the new unit. Discussions will continue as attempts are made to resolve this issue. • Mr Turley commented on the issue of delayed discharge from hospital to home and the need for the DoH to work with patients and their families to resolve this ongoing issue. Patient Flow is a key determinant. • Heather McFarlane raised the impact of the cost of living/fuel poverty crisis and the direct impact it would have on health, especially EDs and community services. Cllr Palmer agreed that councils need to respond. Mr Turley agreed that consideration will need to be constantly made on these issues and these ultimately impact on health provision and suggested further discussion at a subsequent meeting. 	<p>ACTION: Paul Turley</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>Questions / Discussion with the public on local health issues</u></p> <p>No member of public in attendance</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>At approximately 3.45pm the meeting adjourned as the news of Queen Elizabeth’s deteriorating health was announced.</p>	

	Chair Cllr Richard Smart, on behalf of the SE LCG, wished to acknowledge in the minutes, the Committee's deepest sympathy on the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.	
9.	<u>Date of Next Meeting</u> The next meeting will take place on: Thursday 6th October 2022, Trinity Centre, Lisburn	

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____