

**Meeting
of the Southern Local Commissioning Group
Thursday 19th January 2023 at 2 pm held in Boardroom Tower
Hill, Armagh**

Present

Dr Gerry Millar, (Chair) General Medical Practitioner
Dr Ian Campbell, General Medical Practitioner
Cllr Sharon McAleer, Local Government Representative
Cllr Kyle Savage, Local Government Representative
Ms Lorraine Ringland, Allied Health Professional, PHA
Dr Leonard Maguire, Medical Dental Representative
Cllr Robert Colvin, Local Government Representative

In Attendance

Miss Sophie Lusby, Assistant Director Commissioning, SPPG
Mrs Hazel Gillis, Corporate Business Manager, SPPG
Mrs Ann Redpath, Corporate Business Officer, SPPG
Ms Theresa McGarvey, ICS Senior Planning Manager, SPPG
Mrs Michelle Bekmez, ICP Business Manager, SPPG

Apologies

Dr Raymond McVerry, General Medical Practitioner
Dr Brian Cupples, General Medical Practitioner
Mr Liam Devine, Community/Voluntary Representative
Cllr Declan McAteer, Local Government Representative
Mrs Colette Rogers, Head of Health/Social Wellbeing Improvement
(Southern area), PHA
Ms Deirdre Cunningham, Nurse Consultant, PHA
Mrs Patricia McVeigh, Senior Communications Officer, SPPG
Dr Maria O’Kane, Chief Executive, SHSCT
Mr Barry Conway, Acute Services Directorate, SHSCT
Mr Imran Yousuf, Consultant Radiologist, SHSCT

1/23 Welcome and Opening Remarks – Chair

The Chair welcomed existing members and guests to the Southern Local Commissioning Group (LCG) in January and acknowledged apologies for today’s meeting.

2/23 Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th October 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th October 2022 were approved by all present and signed by the Chair.

3/23 Matters Arising

The Chair confirmed there were no outstanding matters from the previous meeting.

4/23 Chairs Business

The Chair advised members that due to unforeseen circumstances the presentation on 'Vision for the Future – Southern HSC Trust' and the presentation on 'Early Diagnostic Cancer Centre and development at South Tyrone Hospital' was postponed. Dr Millar confirmed these would both be re-scheduled for the next SLCG meeting on 16th March 2023.

Dr Millar provided members with an update on meetings which he had attended.

Regional Integrated Care System (ICS) LCG Workshop

This was a regional workshop, held on 11 November 2022, which all LCG Members had been invited to attend in Magherafelt Council Offices. Dr Millar reported that the workshop had been very informative and recognised this as an opportunity for everyone from all sectors to get involved to provide input at the early stages of planning the new ICS model.

Southern Palliative Care Conference

The conference was held on 22 November 2022. It was organised by Gerard Leddy, Service Lead Palliative Care for the Southern Trust, and attended by a wide range of organisations which reflected the holistic approach being taken in patient care.

Action: Mr Leddy to be invited to attend the meeting on 16 March 2023 to provide members with an insight into 'Southern Area Pearl'.

5/23 Group Discussion

The Chair sought members views on current community needs within the Southern area. Members discussed various topics which impacted on the quality of life for people across the community. Rural support networks and empowering community groups provided enhanced services, support and practical assistance.

Integrated Care System (ICS) was welcomed by members as a more collaborative approach, with an opportunity to work in partnership, building relationships across sectors to target specific needs.

The Chair summarised the needs in the community, particularly for young single parents, domestic abuse, isolation and suicide.

Members stated the difficulties in the New Enhanced Service and Advanced Care Programme and the continued issue with workforce across the Primary and Secondary Care.

6/23 Integrated Care System NI Programme Update

Ms McGarvey advised that a letter had been recently issued by Ms Moore, Programme Director ICS NI, Department of Health and Mr Cavanagh, Director of Planning and Commissioning, Strategic Planning Performance Group, to members of the ICS working group. The letter provided an update on the Integrated Care System (ICS) Test. Five Area Integrated Partnership Boards (AIPB's) would be created across each of the Trusts with responsibility for planning local services to meet local needs. Given the complexity in developing an integrated care model, the importance of partnership working and the time required to build relationships both within and across sectors, the decision was taken to implement ICS test sites over the coming year commencing in April 2023. Southern area was awarded the test to roll-out this collaborative planned model for HSC services. The readiness to establish the follow-on Shadow Boards for the remainder of the Trusts would be determined by a Regional Working Group.

Action: Ms McGarvey to submit ICS Test letter to circulate to SLCG Members.

Mrs Bekmez advised that ICPs will stand down effective on 31st March 2023 to make way for the ICS model.

7/23 Commissioner Update

Miss Lusby informed members that settlement from treasury was expected prior to April 2023 and the commissioning team were in the process of planning finances and investments with the five Trusts for next year.

Miss Lusby stated the winter pressures impacted on services, particularly the patient flow through the Emergency Department and delayed discharges for people who were medically fit but had no community plans in place.

Action: An invitation would be extended to Trust representatives to attend a workshop in March to talk about the experiences/pressures faced this winter
Miss Lusby advised there were no further all out strikes planned for staff, however Unison had arranged some limited industrial actions.

Miss Lusby provided details on three public consultation processes: 1) the permanent solution to the closure of the emergency general surgery lists at Daisy Hill, 2) the temporary closure of emergency general surgery lists at South West Acute Hospital and 3) the Causeway Hospital transferring obstetrics services.

Miss Lusby confirmed the Urology Public Independent Inquiry had commenced in November. All transcripts could be accessed on the website as a matter of public record.

Miss Lusby advised members that the Overnight Elective Centres were now drafted and confirmed Daisy Hill was on the list for this service.

8/23 Closing Remarks & Any Other Business

The Chair asked members to forward any further comments on discussion from items on the agenda to Miss Lusby.

9/23 Date of Next meeting

The Chair confirmed date of next meeting 16th March 2023 at 2.00pm, The Boardroom, Tower Hill, Armagh.

Signed by: _____

Dated: _____