

## Policy Forum for Northern Ireland keynote seminar:

### Priorities for healthcare in Northern Ireland

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Danny Donnelly MLA**, Deputy Chairperson, Committee for Health
- 9.05 **The vision for the future for healthcare policy in Northern Ireland**  
**Mike Nesbitt MLA**, Minister of Health, Northern Ireland Executive  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **Key priorities for tackling health waiting times in Northern Ireland**  
*priorities for ensuring patient safety while awaiting treatment | addressing health inequality created by waiting lists | strategies for earlier diagnosis*  
**Dr Alan Stout**, Chair, BMA Northern Ireland Council  
**Marie-Louise Connolly**, Health Correspondent, BBC, Northern Ireland  
**Dr Julie Anderson**, Chair, Royal College of Psychiatrists, Northern Ireland  
Senior representative, primary care  
Senior representative, HSC trust  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Strategies for supporting the stability of the NI health sector and addressing the 'GP crisis'**  
**Liz Kimmins MLA**, Chairperson, Committee for Health  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Danny Donnelly MLA**, Deputy Chairperson, Committee for Health
- 10.55 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Member of the Legislative Assembly
- 11.10 **Next steps for the healthcare workforce**  
*improving workforce retention | strategies for reducing pressure and workload on individuals | opportunities for staffing flexibility to address waiting lists | upskilling priorities*  
**Dr Ursula Mason**, Chair, Royal College of General Practitioners Northern Ireland Council  
Senior representative, HSC trust  
Senior representative, education  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **Strategic priorities - service improvement, funding, use of technology, and the structure of health services in NI**  
*examining the Towards a Hospital Network paper, plans for structural reform and its implications | priorities for funding allocation | building efficiencies in HSC | priorities for healthcare estate | improving performance of existing services | improving data collection and integration | opportunities in health technology*  
**Sarah Christie**, Policy and Public Affairs Manager, Macmillan Cancer Support  
**Meadhbha Monaghan**, Chief Executive, Patient and Client Council NI  
Senior representative, HSC trust  
Senior representative, digital health  
Senior representative, data  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Priorities for establishing the enablers for healthcare recovery in Northern Ireland**  
**Dr Rafael Bengoa**, Director, Institute for Health and Strategy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Northern Ireland closing remarks**  
Senior Member of the Legislative Assembly  
**Sean Cudmore**, Policy Forum for Northern Ireland