

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2019

**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on
Monday 21 October 2019 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic
Centre, Downpatrick**

Chairperson: Councillor L Kimmins

In attendance: (Councillors)

Councillor S Doran	Councillor H Gallagher
Councillor M Gibbons	Councillor L McEvoy
Councillor K McKeivitt	Councillor A McMurray
Councillor G O'Hare	Councillor B Ó Muirí
Councillor M Ruane	Councillor M Savage
Councillor D Taylor	Councillor W Walker

Also In Attendance: Councillor T Andrews

Officials in attendance: Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities
Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing
Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport
Ms S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager (Acting)
Mrs D Starkey, Democratic Services Officer

Also in attendance: Ms C Convery, Motor Neurone Disease Association

AHC/156/2019: APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Malone and Councillor Trainor.

An apology was also received from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement.

AHC/157/2019: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Gibbons declared in interest in item 21 – No 16 The Square, Rostrevor.

AHC/158/2019: ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2019

Read: Action sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 16 September 2019 **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed Councillor Ó Muirí would receive an update from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Planning regarding Mullaghbane Community Centre.

Agreed: The action sheet was noted.

AHC/159/2019: MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION

The Chairperson welcomed Ms Convery, Regional Care Development Adviser from the Motor Neurone Association to the meeting and invited her to deliver the presentation (Copy of which is attached to these minutes).

Members were also provided with a copy of the National Institute for Health and Social Care Excellence (NICE) guideline on Motor Neurone Disease, copies of which were circulated at the meeting.

The Chairperson thanked Ms Convery for the presentation and commented that Council could encourage equity of service across all Trust areas.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/160/2019 DISTRICT ELECTORAL AREA (DEA) FORA UPDATE REPORT

Read: Report dated 21 October 2019 from Mrs Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding updates on District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor McKevitt to note the report and agree to approve the actions from the following DEA Forum Private Meetings:

- Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Wednesday 4 September 2019.
- Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 10 September 2019.
- Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 24 September 2019.

Agreed: At the request of Councillor McKevitt the dates for a virtual dementia bus tour in the Crotlieve area were to be provided.

AHC/161/2019

REVIEW OF OPERATION OF DEA FORUM

Read: Report dated 21 October 2019 from Mrs Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding the review of operation of DEA Forum. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Doran to note and approve amendments to the draft revised DEA fora Terms of Reference and Operating Protocol as follows:**

- **Independent DEA Forum Members will be recruited from the business, community and voluntary sectors following an open process verified by an independent Regional Community Organisation. Independent Members must represent a broad section of their sector and must therefore be nominated by either a recognised network of organisations or be nominated by a minimum of 3 organisations within the sector who are independent of each other. An individual DEA Forum may actively seek to recruit Independent Members from an under represented sector.**
- **The term of service for Independent DEA Forum Members will be in line with the Council term commencing from the 2023 Local Government Elections.**
- **Should the DEA Forum recommendations require action/expenditure from another Council Section/Department, the DEA Coordinator should contact the appropriate Council Officer to arrange for the recommendation to be considered by the relevant Council Committee.**
- **Each DEA Forum will have an operational budget which is allocated for Good Relations and Community Engagement purposes only and cannot be used for actions which are the responsibility of another Council Department or Public Body. Expenditure from the DEA Forum budget must be allocated by the DEA Forum and subsequently approved by the AHC Committee.**

AHC/162/2019

SAINTFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Read: Report dated 15 October 2019 from Mrs Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding remaining units at Saintfield Community Centre. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Ruane to note and agree to approve the following:**

- Proceed to Expression of Interest Process in line with Councils Sporting and Community Facilities Leasing Policy for the rear of Unit C and the whole of Unit B.
- Providing an additional area to the rear of Unit C to increase the amount of storage space within the Community Centre, approximate cost £15,000.

AHC/163/2019

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UPDATE

Read: Report dated 21 October 2019 from Mrs Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, providing a Financial Assistance Update **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor O'Hare to agree to timescales for Financial Assistance Call 1 2020/2021 (process rolled out with caveat that all future awards will be subject to the outcome of the rates estimates process) as follows:

- Call open Monday 4 November 2019.
- Call closed Monday 9 December 2019.
- Information workshops early November 2019.
- Assessment and processing January and February 2020.
- Reports submitted for consideration at February Active & Health Communities Committee Meeting and March 2020 Council Committee Meeting.
- Decision letters will be issued to groups by end of March 2020 (subject to rates estimates process).

LEISURE AND SPORT

AHC/164/2019

CARERS ALLOWANCE

Read: Report dated 21 October 2019 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director of Leisure and Sport, regarding Carers Allowance Eligibility for Concessions Charges. **(Copy circulated)**

During discussion Councillor McMurray proposed that concessionary charges for those in receipt of Carers Allowance be introduced immediately.

Councillor Savage stated that whilst he supported the sentiments of Councillor McMurray's proposal there was no budget allocated for immediate effect and time was required to implement it properly, therefore he proposed to accept the officer's recommendation. This was seconded by Councillor Walker.

Having failed to secure a seconder for his proposal, Councillor McMurray's proposal fell.

Members were in unanimous agreement with Councillor Savage's proposal to accept the officer's recommendation.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor Walker for individuals receiving Carers Allowance to be eligible for concession prices as part of the 2020/21 scale of charges review which will be introduced on 1 April 2020.

AHC/165/2019 **LEISURE FACILITIES PUBLIC HOLIDAY OPENING DATES**

Read: Report dated 21 October 2019 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director of Leisure and Sport, regarding Leisure Facilities Public Holiday Opening Dates. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Taylor highlighted the importance of holiday arrangements being well advertised and in good time in order the members of the public were aware of the proposed closures.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Gallagher, the 2020/21 Public Holiday Arrangements for Leisure and Sports Facilities were agreed, subject to rates estimates approval.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

AHC/166/2019 **CONSULTATION BY FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY NORTHERN IRELAND ON OFFICIAL CONTROLS IN RELATION TO FOOD SAFETY**

Read: Report dated 21 October 2019 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing, regarding a consultation response to the Food Standards Agency Northern Ireland on Official Controls in relation to Food Safety. **(Copy circulated)**

At the request of Councillor McKeivitt Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing provided an update on Councils' preparedness for Brexit.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor McKeivitt, to provide the response to the Food Standards Agency's consultation on official controls in relation to food safety as outlined.

It was noted the response was returned by the required date on the proviso that it would be subject to Council approval.

AHC/167/2019: **CONSULTATION ON INVASIVE SPECIES**

Read: Report dated 21 October 2019 from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing, regarding consultation on management measures for widely spread Invasive Alien Species in Northern Ireland. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Ruane referred to ongoing problems associated with Japanese Knotweed throughout the District and asked that Council examine ways to tackle this, through Neighbourhood Services Committee, if appropriate. Councillor Savage also highlighted the need to confirm who had responsibility for dealing with issues relating to this in other areas.

Mr Devlin confirmed that problems associated with Japanese Knotweed on Council land were dealt with by Council, however, issues arose when it was on adjacent land where responsibility fell outside of the Council.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor O'Hare, to approve the response being provided to the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs consultation on management measures for widely spread Invasive Alien Species in Northern Ireland.

It was noted the response was to be returned by 23 October 2019.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Savage that Council take the lead in coordinating responsibility for different areas throughout the District i.e. Council, Northern Ireland Housing Executive, Roads Service, Rivers Agency.

FOR NOTING – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/168/2019: DOWNPATRICK NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL REPORT

Read: Report dated 21 October 2019 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (**Copy circulated**)

Agreed: It was agreed to note the contents of the report and minutes of the Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Meeting held on 24 June 2019 (adopted at the Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Meeting held on 17 September 2019).

AHC/169/2019: NEWRY NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL REPORT

Read: Report dated 21 October 2019 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (**Copy circulated**)

Agreed: It was agreed to note the contents of the report and minutes of the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Meeting held on 12 June 2019 (adopted at the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Meeting held on 11 September 2019).

AHC/170/2019: POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (PCSP) REPORT

Read: Report dated 21 October 2019 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding Policing and Community Safety Partnership Report **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed to note the contents of the report and minutes of the Policing Committee Meeting held on 30 July 2019 (approved at Policing Committee Meeting on 18 September) and the minutes of the PCSP Meeting held on 30 July 2019 (approved at the PCSP Meeting held on 18 September 2019).**

AHC/171/2019: SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND REPORT

Read: Report dated 16 September 2019 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding Social Investment Fund – Update **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **It was agreed to note the contents of the report and minutes of Social Investment Fund Board Meetings held on 8 July 2019, 5 August 2019 and 9 September 2019.**

AHC/172/2019: CROSSGAR COMMUNITY CENTRE

Read: Report dated 16 September 2019 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding Rowallane District Electoral Area Forum (DEA) existing provision of Community Centre Facilities in Crossgar **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Walker welcomed the fact Officers had initiated contact with the Department for Communities to establish whether funding was to become available for community provision.

Agreed: **It was agreed to note the contents of the report.**

ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor O'Hare, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on the next matters which related to exempt information by virtue of para. 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government (Northern Ireland) 2014 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.**

AHC/173/2019

WIFI IN COMMUNITY CENTRES

Read: Report dated 21 October from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding Wi-Fi installation in Council Owned Facilities **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Walker to accept the business case for the provision of Wi-Fi for Council owned Community run facilities.**

It was further agreed to proceed to work with the IT Department to implement Phase II of the roll out of Wi-Fi to community facilities.

It was agreed to circulate a list detailing those Council owned community facilities to all Councillors for their information.

AHC/174/2019

CASTLEWELLAN 3G PITCH

Read: Report dated 21 October 2019 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding findings of the condition survey for Castlewellan 3G pitch **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor Gallagher to remove the agreement to lease the 3G pitch to Castlewellan Community Partnership as per minute (AHC/071/2019) and replace this with a Facility Management Agreement for the 3G pitch.**

AHC/175/2019

LANDS AT BARCROFT

Read: Report dated 21 October 2019 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, providing an update on land at Loanda House, Barcroft, Newry **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.**

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor Savage to the application being made for departmental approval to allow Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to lease the site identified at a peppercorn rent.

AHC/176/2019 **NO 16 THE SQUARE, ROSTREVOR**

Read: Report dated 21 October 2019 from Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement, regarding No 16 The Square, Rostrevor **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Ó Muirí, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: It was agreed to note the officers report.

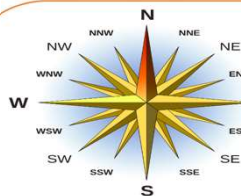
There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.15pm.

Signed: Councillor L Kimmins
Chairperson

Signed: Mr M Lipsett
Director of Active and Healthy Communities

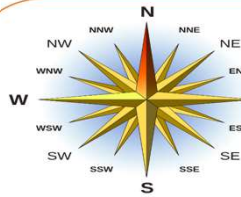
Creea Convery

Regional Care Development Adviser
Northern Ireland



MND Charter.

- The right to an early diagnosis and information.
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- Carers of people with MND have the right to be valued, respected, listened to and well-supported.

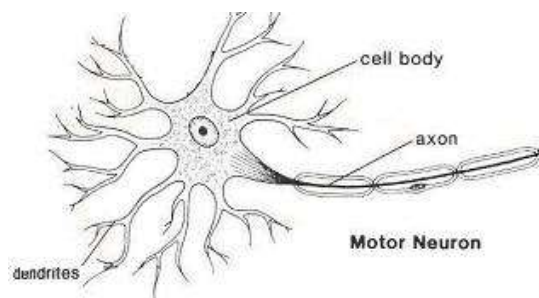


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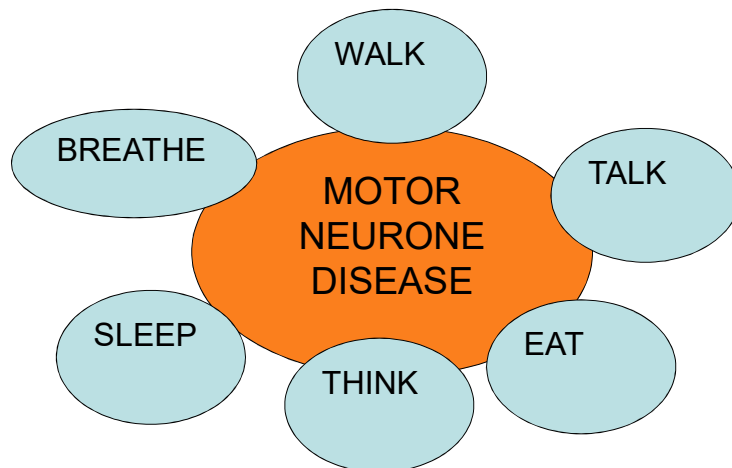
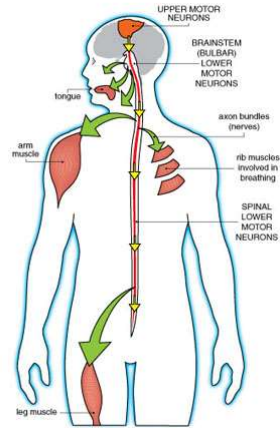
What is a motor neurone?

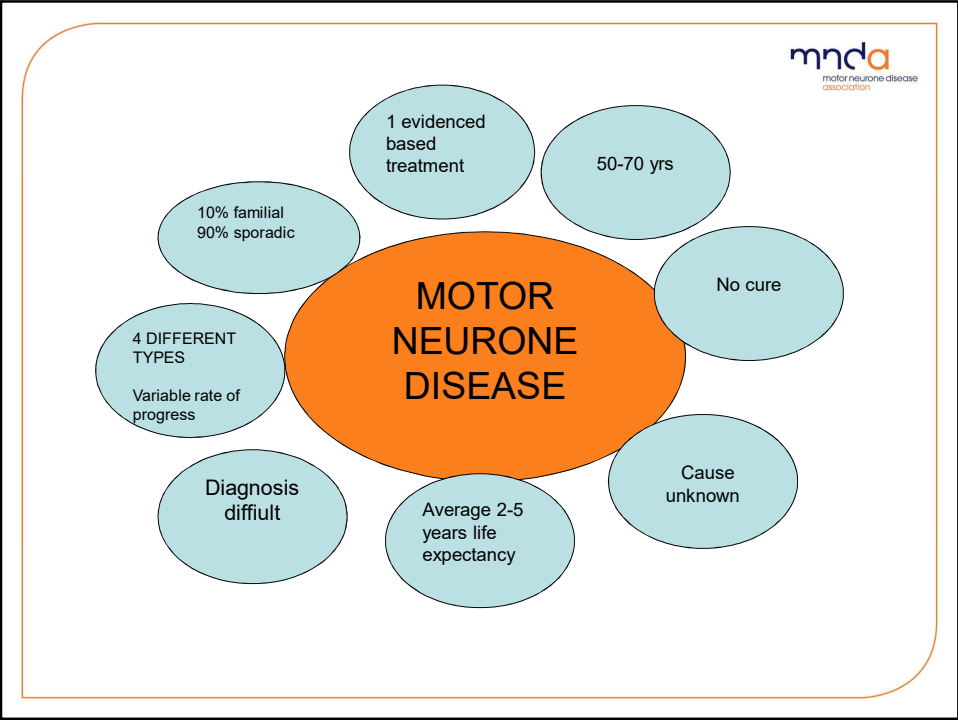
- A nerve cell which controls muscles



Function of motor neurones

- Upper motor neurones are in the cortex of the brain
- Lower motor neurones are in the spinal cord





Incidence is 2 per 100,000 people p/a
Prevalence is 7 per 100, 000 people p/a

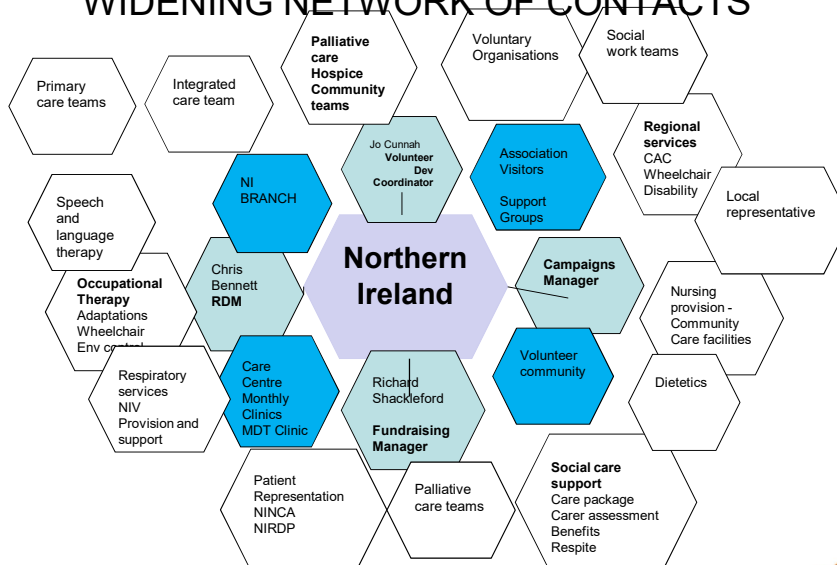
POPULATION 1.81 MILLION = 124 EXPECTED

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MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE IN NORTHERN IRELAND FACTS AND FIGURES

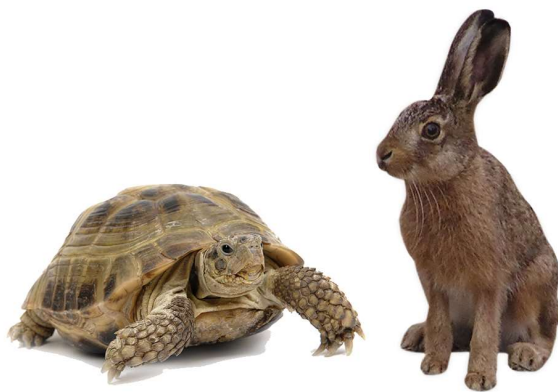
124	Number of people currently living in Northern Ireland with Motor Neurone Disease
41	Will have passed away by Oct 2020
62	Will have passed away by April 21
97	Will experience communication difficulties
82	Will experience swallowing difficulties
92	Will require a wheelchair
43	Will experience mild cognitive and executive function impairment
19	Will show signs of fronto temporal dementia
99.9 %	Cause of death – respiratory failure / chest infection.

WIDENING NETWORK OF CONTACTS



“Living shorter with complex
needs”

SLOW AND STEADY DOES
NOT WIN THE RACE

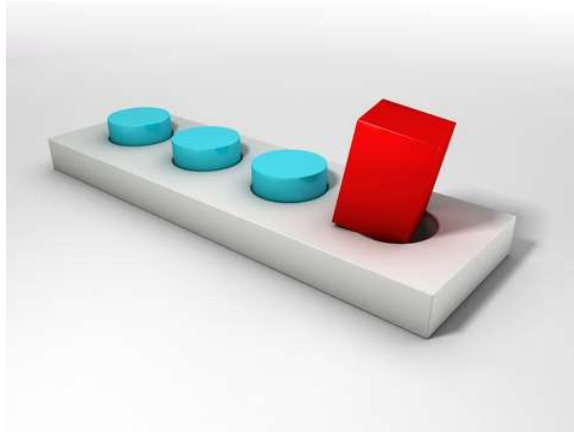


SEE INTO THE FUTURE



TIMING IS OF THE ESSENCE



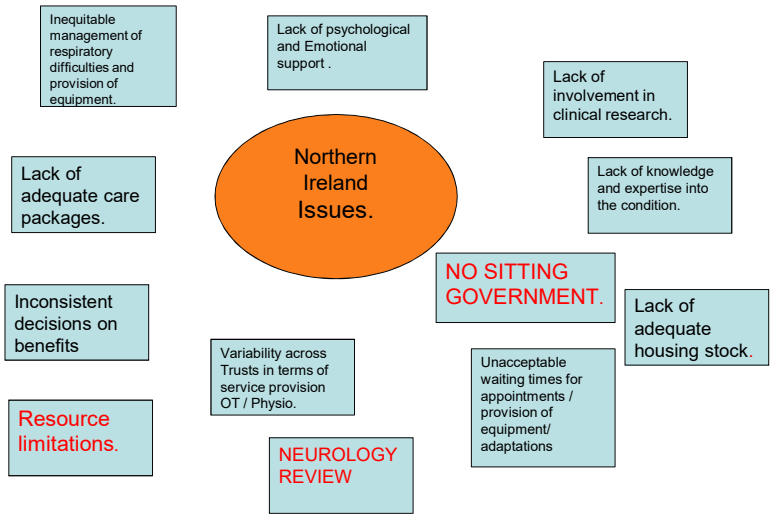


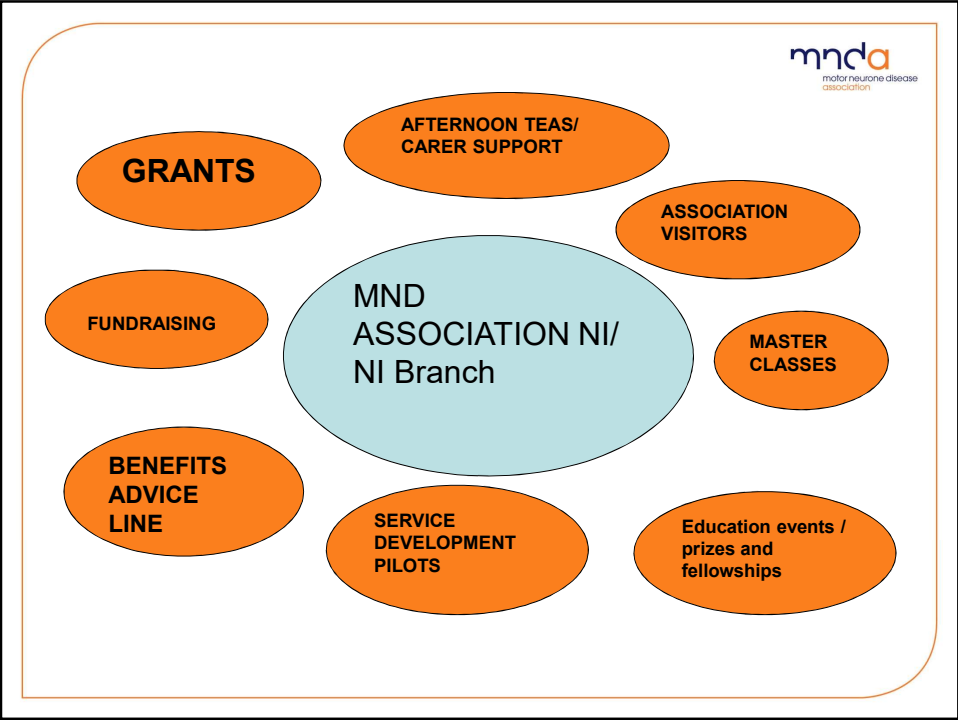
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CHALLENGES IN NI







NI MANIFESTO

A public declaration of policy and aims.

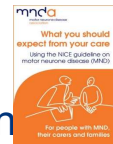
- Equity of service.
- Comprehensive and equitable management of respiratory difficulties, including provision of equipment.
- Solid and collaborative partnership between neurology and palliative care services in managing patients with MND from point of diagnosis
- Holistic multidisciplinary management of the patient journey.
- Comprehensive and timely management of psychological and emotional issues
- Provision of adequate housing and housing adaptations on time
- Provision of equipment and clinical management in good time and ahead of time
- A good life and a good death

UNIQUE

- Consistently terminal
- No cure
- All encompassing condition
- Proactive NOT reactive
- Womb to grave- health economics
- Complex interaction between many medical disciplines
- Rare
- Static figure

What can we do about it?

- Time is of the essence- anticipatory.
- Complex needs for a shorter period of time.
- RED FLAG STATUS
- Nice guidelines.
- Be an advocate for this condition
- MIND MND





THANK YOU

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