



March 19th, 2021

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the Council meeting to be held on **Monday, 22nd March 2021** at **3:30 pm** in **Microsoft Teams**.

Agenda

1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

2.0 Declarations of Interest

3.0 South Eastern Trust

Mr Seamus McGoran, Chief Executive

Ms Roisin Coulter, Director of Planning & Performance

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4.0 NIAS

Michael Bloomfield, Chief Executive

Rosie Byrne, Director of Operations

Maxine Paterson, Director of Planning, Performance and Corporate Services

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5.0 Southern Trust

Mr Shane Devlin - Chief Executive

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Invitees

- Cllr Terry Andrews
- Cllr Patrick Brown
- Cllr Robert Burgess
- Cllr Pete Byrne
- Mrs Dorinnia Carville
- Cllr charlie casey
- Cllr William Clarke
- Cllr Dermot Curran
- Ms Alice Curran
- Cllr Laura Devlin
- Mr Eoin Devlin
- Ms Louise Dillon
- Cllr Sean Doran
- Cllr Cadogan Enright
- Cllr Hugh Gallagher
- Cllr Mark Gibbons
- Cllr Oonagh Hanlon
- Cllr Glyn Hanna
- Cllr Valerie Harte
- Mr Conor Haughey
- Mrs Janine Hillen
- Cllr Roisin Howell
- Mr Colum Jackson
- Miss Veronica Keegan
- Mrs Sheila Kieran
- Cllr Mickey Larkin
- Cllr Alan Lewis
- Mr Michael Lipsett
- Mrs Regina Mackin
- Cllr Oonagh Magennis
- Mr Conor Mallon
- Cllr Gavin Malone
- Cllr Cathy Mason
- Mr Johnny Mc Bride
- Colette McAteer
- Cllr Declan McAteer
- Cllr Leeanne McEvoy
- Jonathan McGilly
- Cllr Harold McKee
- Patricia McKeever
- Cllr Karen McKevitt
- Cllr Andrew McMurray

Catrina Miskelly
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Mr Ken Montgomery
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Ms Carmel Morgan
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Cllr Roisin Mulgrew
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Cllr Barra Ó Muiri
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Linda O'Hare
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Cllr Gerry O'Hare
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Cllr Kathryn Owen
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Mr Andy Patterson
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Cllr Henry Reilly
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Ms Alison Robb
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Cllr Michael Ruane
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Cllr Michael Savage
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Mr Kevin Scullion
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Cllr Gareth Sharvin
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Donna Starkey
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Cllr Gary Stokes
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Sarah Taggart
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Paul Tamati
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Cllr David Taylor
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Cllr Jarlath Tinnelly
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Cllr John Trainor
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Cllr William Walker
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Mrs Marie Ward
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Seamus McGoran
Interim Chief Executive
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3rd March 2021

Dear Seamus

South Eastern Health Working Group

Following a recent meeting of the above group I have summarised the key issues raised by members. These issues will be raised at the Special Council meeting on 22nd March 2021.

To allow those who may not be able to attend this meeting to be fully informed on the matters raised, I would be grateful if you could provide your response on these issues in writing by 16th March 2021.

The Downe Hospital

1. What is the road map for the reopening of services within the Downe Hospital?
2. What is the future for the Accident and Emergency Department at the Downe Hospital?
3. When will day procedures resume at the Downe Hospital?
4. Are private contractors using services at the Downe Hospital?
5. What is the update with the Downe Hospital acquiring a MRI scanner?
6. Is there an opportunity for the expansion of all services at the Downe Hospital?
7. Is there additional capital expenditure to expand the services at the Downe Hospital?

Mental Health

8. What strategy are the Trust referring to in preparation for mental health services post Covid-19?
9. Has the Trust bid for extra resources from Government for mental health services?

General

10. How long will the non-emergency transport service continue to be withdrawn due to Covid-19?

I look forward to your response on these matters.

Yours sincerely



Marie Ward
Chief Executive

Mr Michael Bloomfield
Chief Executive
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3rd March 2021

Dear Michael

Southern and South Eastern Health Working Groups

Following recent meetings of the above groups I have summarised the key issues raised by members. These issues will be raised at the Special Council meeting on 22nd March 2021.

To allow those who may not be able to attend this meeting to be fully informed on the matters raised, I would be grateful if you could advise me on these issues in writing by 16th March 2021.

1. Are there plans to introduce new fleet into the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service?
2. Are there plans to upskill the staff within the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service?
3. Are there plans to recruit additional staff within the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service?

I look forward to your response on these matters.

Yours sincerely



Marie Ward
Chief Executive

Mr Shane Devlin
Chief Executive
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3rd March 2021

Dear Shane

Southern Health Working Group

Following a recent meeting of the above group I have summarised the key issues raised by members. These issues will be tabled at the Special Council meeting on 22nd March 2021.

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1. The community, especially in rural areas are reporting that they are finding it even more difficult to get a GP appointment now than pre Covid-19, which in turn could lengthen the time for a referral appointment from the Trust. I am writing to the Health and Social Care Board on this matter but would also ask that you raise this matter with them.
2. It is believed that the waiting times for appointments and treatments within the Trust have increased due to Covid-19. The working group members would appreciate an update on the current waiting list situation and would like to know if there are plans to make a substantial financial investment to abate such going forward.
3. As the Covid-19 vaccination programme continues have the Trust considered large scale vaccination centres in more local locations as the community are reporting that they are finding it very difficult to get to the major sites, such as Craigavon Area Hospital.
4. Members of the community have reported that access to the Covid-19 testing centre in Middlebank Newry is difficult to get to for people with mobility issues. Can better access be given to those who have mobility issues?

5. There are many scare stories about the Covid-19 vaccine in our communities. Members of the working group would like to know how they can help counteract these stories and ensure that residents of the District receive the vaccine.
6. Can you provide an update on how Daisy Hill Hospital is coping with the changes to systems due to Covid-19 and any difficulties that have arose in operating such?

I look forward to your response on these matters.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marie Ward', is written over a faint rectangular grid background.

Marie Ward
Chief Executive