



October 31st, 2022

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the Council meeting to be held on **Monday, 31st October 2022** at **3:00 pm** in **Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre & Microsoft Teams.**

Agenda

1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

2.0 Declarations of Interest

3.0 South Eastern Trust 3.00pm - 3.45pm/4.00pm

Roisin Coulter (Chief Executive)

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4.0 NIAS 3.45pm - 4.45pm - Presentation to Follow

Attendees:

Seamus Mullen (Head of Planning)

Mark Cochrane (Assistant Director of Operations)

Comprehensive update on services, service delivery, waiting times and all relevant matters with regards to the Ambulance service.

5.0 Southern Trust - 4.50pm- 5.50pm

Dr Maria O'Kane (Chief Executive)

Mrs Lesley Leeman, Interim Director of Planning & Reform

Mrs Trudy Reid, Director Surgery, CCS & IMWH

Mr Brian Beattie, Director of Adult Community Services

Mrs Cathrine Reid, Interim Director Medicine and Unscheduled
Care

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Invitees

Cllr Terry Andrews
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Mr Alan Beggs
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Cllr Jim Brennan
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Cllr Robert Burgess
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Cllr Pete Byrne
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Cllr Charlie Casey
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Mr Andrew Cassells
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Cllr William Clarke
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Mrs Linda Cummins
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Cllr Dermot Curran
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Cllr Laura Devlin
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Mr Eoin Devlin
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Ms Louise Dillon
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Cllr Cadogan Enright
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Cllr Aoife Finnegan
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Ms Joanne Fleming
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Cllr Hugh Gallagher
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Cllr Mark Gibbons
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Cllr Oonagh Hanlon
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Cllr Glyn Hanna
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Cllr Valerie Harte
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Cllr Roisin Howell
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Ms Catherine Hughes
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Miss Veronica Keegan
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Mrs Josephine Kelly
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Mrs Sheila Kieran
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Cllr Mickey Larkin
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Cllr David Lee-Surginor
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Cllr Alan Lewis
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Mr Michael Lipsett
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Cllr Oonagh Magennis
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Mr Conor Mallon
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Cllr Gavin Malone
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Colette McAteer
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Cllr Declan McAteer
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Cllr Leeanne McEvoy
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Cllr Harold McKee
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Patricia McKeever
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Cllr Karen McKevitt
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Cllr Andrew McMurray
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Cllr Roisin Mulgrew
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Cllr Declan Murphy
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Cllr Barra Ó Muirí
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Cllr Gerry O'Hare
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Cllr Kathryn Owen
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Cllr Henry Reilly
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Cllr Michael Rice
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Cllr Michael Ruane
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Cllr Michael Savage
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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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Cllr David Taylor
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Cllr Jarlath Tinnelly
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Cllr John Trainor
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Mrs Marie Ward
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Marie Ward
Chief Executive



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7th October 2022

Dear Roisin

Health Working Group (Newry, Mourne and Down District Council)

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council held a meeting of the Health Working Group members on 14th September 2022. At this meeting the following matters were raised, and it was agreed that they should be forwarded to yourself for consideration and response.

These issues will be tabled at the Special Council Meeting of Newry Mourne and Down District Council on 31st October 2022, but 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 forward your response in writing by 24th October 2022.

1. A comprehensive update should be provided on services, service delivery, waiting times and all relevant matters pertaining to Downe Hospital to include the location of GP services as we are now living in post pandemic times.

I look forward to your response on these matters.

Yours sincerely

Marie Ward
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26 October 2022

Via Email: marie.ward@nmandd.org

Ms Marie Ward
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Dear Marie

RE: SOUTH EASTERN HEALTH WORKING GROUP

I refer to previous correspondence received requesting information on the above matters for members and those who are unable to attend the Special Council meeting scheduled for 31 October 2022.

Please see below comments in relation to information requested. The Trust will further expand on the information provided at the meeting scheduled on 31 October 2022.

A comprehensive update should be provided on services, service delivery, waiting times and all relevant matters pertaining to the Downe Hospital to include the location of GP services as we are now living in post pandemic times.

Information on the current provision of SEHSCT health care services within the Newry Mourne and Down District was provided to the Council in August 2022, following a written request. An overview of services delivered in the Down area is outlined again for reference in Appendix 1.

It is the Trust's understanding that the location of GPs services within the locality has not changed. GP services are independent of the Trust and any concerns relating to access to these services is a matter for discussion with the Strategic Performance and Planning Group within the Department of Health.

Regional waiting times for all services are now published on a quarterly basis by the Department of Health. The latest published information can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/topics/doh-statistics-and-research/hospital-waiting-times-statistics>

In relation to service delivery, the Trust continues to work with all our partners across health and social care as we focus on increasing levels of activity after the pandemic to meet a greater proportion of the health and social care needs of the population. This is in line with a regional approach outlined by the Department of Health.

In August 2022, the Trust either achieved or over delivered against almost two thirds of the measured performance metrics, with almost 80% achievement of the metrics specific to hospital services. The Trust continues to monitor performance very closely against both commissioning plan and service delivery plan targets and these are reported to our Trust board on a monthly basis.

It is important to highlight that the COVID-19 pandemic is ongoing and will be experienced for some time into the future. The Trust would reiterate the views of Health Minister, Robin Swann who recently stated that it is important to be honest with the public that these problems are long-standing and there is no quick fix. The pandemic has devastated a health system in Northern Ireland which was already struggling under the weight of demographic change, budgetary limitations and staffing challenges.

A key factor in increasing activity levels will be working to mitigate the expected severe pressures over the winter period, which the Trust is committed to. The Trust is currently finalising the 2022/23 winter plan.

This year there is no additional funding available from the commissioner (Strategic Planning and Performance Group, Department of Health) to support services over the challenging winter period. However, the Trust is working to maximise capacity over the winter period to ensure we can respond to the increased demand.

The plan will cover four main themes:

- Minimising inappropriate attendances and providing alternatives to hospital admissions
- Maximising Service Capacity
- Smoothing the Hospital Journey for Patients
- Seasonal Viral Response.

Once the plan is finalised and approved by our Trust board it will be published on our website.

The Trust would also urge the public to help with this and appeals to everyone to use services appropriately, take advantage of COVID-19 and flu vaccines if eligible and co-operate with our hospital discharge processes to help free up beds for others.

I hope that the information provided above will be useful. Once again, the Trust will further expand on the information provided at the meeting scheduled on 31 October 2022 if necessary.

Yours sincerely



ROISIN COULTER

Chief Executive

cc: Mrs H Moore, Director of Planning, Performance & Informatics
Dr D Robinson, Director of Hospital Services

Appendix 1 – Services Delivered in the Down Area

The information below, collated in March 2022, provides an outline of services delivered in the Down Area.

For the purposes of this work, the Down area has been defined as:

- DEAs: Downpatrick, Rowallane and Slieve Croob
- Wards: Murlough and Donard.

Overview of South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust services:

- 13 GP practices in Down Area across 11 locations
- The Down area was the first successful Multi-Disciplinary Team in Primary Care, a regional Transformation priority. The rollout commenced in 2019, and MDTs are now in every GP practice in the Down area
- GP Out of Hours
- 41 teams working across Down area including:
 - Supported living
 - District Nursing / Neighbourhood nursing
 - Allied Health Professionals i.e. physiotherapy, occupational therapy etc.
 - Treatment rooms
 - Dementia care
 - GP Out of Hours
 - Day care
 - Domiciliary care
 - Palliative care
- 22 adult residential nursing / care homes located within Down area, providing services to:
 - Older people
 - People with physical / learning disabilities
- The Trust also commissions additional domiciliary care packages from 13 external providers to deliver care in people's homes
- 12 Mental Health teams working across Down area including:
 - Community Mental Health
 - Addictions Services
 - Recovery College
 - Inpatient Services
 - Home Treatment
- 10 Learning Disability teams working across Down area including:
 - Physical Disability
 - Learning Disability
 - Community Brain Injury
 - Sensory Support
 - Supported Living
 - Clinical Psychology
- Downe Hospital provides a range of services to the local community including:
 - Frail Elderly Rapid Assessment Centre
 - Surgical and medical outpatients
 - Cardiac investigations
 - Pharmacy

- Midwifery services
- Paediatrics diabetes specialist nursing
- Urgent Care Centre
- Day case surgery
- Endoscopy procedures
- Downe Hospital also specialises in providing cataract elective care services on behalf of the region
- 20 Children's Services teams working across Down area including:
 - Health Visiting
 - School Health
 - Behavioural and Emotional Support
 - Speech and Language Therapy
 - Fostering and Community Placement
 - Residential Services
 - Child Protection
 - Family Support
- The Trust commissions 73 additional services delivered across the Down area in partnership with other providers, including:
 - Sure Start
 - Day Care services for older people and those with disabilities
 - Bereavement support
 - Isolation/Befriending
 - Parenting support
 - Cardiac prevention
 - Health development
 - Community Integration and Rehabilitation
 - Transport

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Dear Maria

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1. A comprehensive update should be provided on services, service delivery, waiting times and all relevant matters pertaining to Daisy Hill Hospital as we are now living in post pandemic times.

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Yours sincerely

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