

SOUTHERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COUNCIL

**The One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Meeting held in Craigavon
Borough Council on Tuesday 20 April 2004 at 10.00 am**

127/1 PRESENT: Mrs Roisin Foster, Chairman
 Mr Sydney Anderson
 Mr Norman Badger
 Mr Patrick Brannigan
 Mrs Annie Burrell
 Mrs Lynne Cairns
 Mrs Mary Ferris
 Mrs Nazy Harris
 Mr Clive Henning
 Mrs Pat Mallon
 Mr Andy Moffett
 Mr Peter Murray
 Mr John McArdle
 Mr Jim McCart
 Mr Peter Kearns
 Mr David Simpson
 Mrs Eileen Wright

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Nancy Downard, Office Manager
 Mr Ian Sutherland, Director of Mental
 Health Learning Disability, C/B HSS Trust
 and Ms Carmel Johnston, Clinical
 Services Manager [for part of the meeting]
 Mrs Mairead McAlinden, Director of
 Planning and Performance Management,
 SHSSB and Mr Bryce McMurray, Deputy
 Director [for part of the meeting]

APOLOGIES: Mrs Delia van der Lenden, Chief Officer
 Mr Wilfred McFadden
 Mr Charles Rollston

A warm welcome was extended to the Council by the Mayor of Craigavon Borough Council, Alderman Ignatius Fox. He wished the Council well in its meeting and remarked that there were a lot more people in the public gallery for the meeting than at Borough Council meetings.

The Chairman thanked the mayor for the use of the chamber and for the hospitality provided and wished him well in his term of office.

She welcomed everyone to the 127th meeting, including members of the public including representatives of Down and Armagh Rural Transport, Asperger's Network, Mourneview & Grey Estates Community Association, and St Vincent de Paul. She explained that it was the Council's policy to take more of its meetings out to external venues and invite members of the public and local groups to attend.

The Chairman offered apologies on behalf of the Chief Officer who was unwell and she wished her a speedy recovery.

The Chairman explained why she had agreed to a departure from the Council policy of having only one presentation from an external speaker at each meeting. She explained that the scheduled speaker was the Craigavon and Banbridge Trust's Director of Mental Health Learning Disability and the invitation has been issued to him some time ago. However, the Southern Board's Director of Planning had requested the opportunity to attend the meeting to consult with the Council on its Health and Wellbeing Investment Plan for 2004/05. The Chairman said this was a substantial document outlining how the Southern Board planned to deliver on the DHSSPS Priorities for Action and the timescale for consultation was very short. She said an overview of the report would be of interest to members.

127/2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the previous meeting, which were circulated, were agreed and signed subject to amendments. 126/6 NIAS presentation – page 5 para 2 should read, '*as the implementation plan for the*', page 6 para 4, line 3 should read, '*By necessity, 40 of these were replaced.....*', page 7 para 1 should read, '*Phase 2 of the plan included rapid response and A & E vehicles.....*'.

127/3 MATTERS ARISING

1 126/3.3 Accommodating People with a Hearing Impairment

The Chairman reported that with advice of RNID, arrangements were in place to purchase a portable loop system for the Council's reception area and the Boardroom.

2 126/11.4 Oakridge SEC

The Chairman explained that Armagh & Dungannon Trust had responded to the report in the draft minutes on the visit to Oakridge SEC. The Chief Executive has indicated that the catchment area for the Oakridge and Appleby SECs is comparable to that in other rural based Trusts. Every effort is made to reduce the amount of time that centre users spent travelling. A range of transport modes are used and journeys are reversed so that those spending the longest time travelling on the inward journey had a shorter return time. A new centre has been developed at Aughnacloy to provide a more local service for clients for whom the programme provided is suitable.

3 125/6 Newry SEC

Mr McCart asked if a letter could be forwarded to the Chief Executive of Newry & Mourne HSS Trust requesting that the Council be kept updated on a month to month basis on developments in respect of Newry SEC. Mrs Burrell requested the same for the Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust. The Chairman informed members that Mr Martin Kelly, Director of Planning and Information, at the Craigavon and Banbridge Trust, would be make a presentation at the May meeting on the new Community Health Village in Banbridge.

4 126/6 NIAS

Mr Anderson asked if it would be possible to get overall figures for the attacks on Ambulance services. It was agreed to contact the Trust for the information.

5 Retirement

The Chairman informed members that the Chief Officer and herself had attended the Craigavon and Banbridge Trust's farewell function held in respect of Mr Denis Preston, Chief Executive who had retired. She said it was a privilege to have been there and to extend the good wishes of the Council to Mr Preston who had an excellent public service record in both Newry and Mourne and Craigavon and Banbridge Trusts. She said there were very moving tributes to him from both present and former staff. She wished him a long and fulfilling retirement. Members asked that a letter be sent to him expressing good wishes.

127/4 CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

Invitations

- 1 It was agreed that Mrs Lynne Cairns would attend the World Asthma Day on Tuesday 4 May 2004 in the Stormont Hotel, Belfast from 12.30 pm to 2.00 pm when The National Asthma Campaign would launch its new research, reporting on how asthma makes a serious impact on people's lives.
- 2 Mrs Burrell and Mrs Ferris agreed to attend The Northern Ireland Council for Ethnic Minorities (NICEM) launch of the 'Ethnic Minorities Health Needs Assessment' report on Tuesday 11 May in the Wellington Park Hotel, Belfast.
- 3 It was agreed the Council would be represented at the Mental Health Review Meeting on Thursday 6 May 2004 in the Clonavaddy Room, Glenavon House Hotel, Drum Road, Cookstown at 12.30 pm, by Mr Kearns and Mr McCart.
- 4 Newry & Mourne HSS Trust - Launch of the New Opportunities Funded Projects. It was agreed Mr McArdle would attend the event on Tuesday 25 May from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm in the Miller Suite, Canal Court Hotel, Newry.

127/5 CHIEF OFFICER'S REPORT

In the absence of the Chief Officer, the Chairman presented her report.

- 1 She informed members that the Accountability meeting with David Galloway, DHSSPS was held on 22 March and the interim report on the implementation of the Council's work programme was discussed. The DHSSPS indicated its approval of progress to date. She said the DHSSPS was particularly supportive of the plans by the 4 Councils to adopt a more collaborative approach to the development of their work programme for 2004/05.
- 2 Promoting the work of the Councils – She informed members that part of the £30,000 made available to the Councils, by the DHSSPS, as a result the implementation of recommendations of the Human Organs Inquiry would be used for backdrops and the overall promotional plan which should be available for the June Conference. Members would be kept updated.

- 3 Evaluation of the work of the Councils – The four Councils are working with consultant, Simon Bridge on an evaluation of the work of the Councils. A detailed exercise to determine how staff time is used has now been completed. The consultant will now focus on eliciting the views of a range of stakeholders on the impact of the Councils. Results of the evaluation will be presented at the June Conference.
- 4 Joint Councils' Conference in June – The Chairman reminded members who had not yet booked a place, to do so by Friday 23 April. She briefed members on the programme for each day of the conference.
- 5 SHSSB meeting – 6 April 2004 – Members were given a short brief on topics discussed at the Board's meeting.
- 6 CAHGT – Bed Management - It was noted that returns showed a greatly reduced level of trolley waits.

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CRAIGAVON & BANBRIDGE COMM HSS TRUST – MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (Presented at 10.30 am)

The Chairman welcomed Craigavon and Banbridge Trust's Director of Mental Health Learning Disability, Mr Ian Sutherland and Clinical Services Manager, Ms Carmel Johnston to update the Council on developments of mental health services within the Trust.

Mr Sutherland said he was delighted to be invited to speak to the Council and present an overview of mental health services in the Trust's area. He said mental health was a major issue that had to be faced up to in terms of acute care and public health. It was the most common form of ill health with 1 in 6 people in UK diagnosed with mental illness. One in four people attending a GP practice would be there because of a mental health problem. In the Southern Board's area there was a substantial section of people with mental health problems. Among the main concerns was depressive illness in the farming community, the health of carers, and the fact that 10 - 20% of teenagers could be diagnosed as suffering from depression.

The Craigavon and Banbridge District Council areas had a population of over 130,000 people. The range of services

provided for that population include the Department of Mental Health at Craigavon Area Hospital, Community Mental Health Services, Liaison Service, Out of Hours crisis service, Novara House residential scheme and other services provided in partnership with the statutory, private and voluntary sectors.

Mr Simpson and Mrs Mallon joined the meeting at 10.50 am.

With regard to the Department of Mental Health, he said it consisted of 80 acute inpatient beds, 40 of which accommodated Craigavon/Banbridge Trust patients on the CAH site; 20 beds for Newry/Mourne Trust were on the St Luke's Hospital site - both catering for 16 - 65 age group. The other 20 beds caters for the Southern Board's 65+ psychiatric patients. Other services provided on the CAH site included an Outpatients Department covered by 5 psychiatrists, an Occupational Therapy department which is responsible for rehabilitation programmes, Psychology and Treatment Departments.

Referring to community services, he explained that there had been a move away from hospital care to a more community based service focused around community mental health teams and covered by medical, social work and psychiatric nursing staff. This service was based in Trasna House, Lurgan and delivered care from Monday to Friday across Lurgan/Craigavon, Portadown and Banbridge areas. The community services were backed up by teams of primary care, acute care, continued care, early intervention assertive outreach, psychiatry of older age, and a range of specialist therapeutic teams.

Mr Sutherland reported that a consultant psychiatrist, Dr Judith O'Neill, had been appointed to provide a liaison service at Craigavon Area Hospital. This service is a Monday to Friday 9 to 5 service but he hoped that this service would increase in personnel to include a psychiatric liaison nurse thereby widening availability and access in line with increasing demand. This service opens another means by which people who are experiencing mental health difficulties can access mental health services.

The Out of Hours Crisis service was managed by Armagh & Dungannon HSS Trust although Craigavon and Banbridge Trust did have some input in the service. Experienced psychiatric nurses were responsible for running the service and they

worked closely with GP out of hours services, in-patient services and Community Mental Health Teams. The service was available from 5pm to 1am, Monday to Friday and weekends and bank holidays 11am to 1am.

In relation to Novara, he said it was a community based facility in Portadown providing a rehabilitative service to those patients who were known to the service and had a diagnosis of mental illness. In total it had 10 beds - 2 short stay and 8 longer stay rehabilitative beds.

Mr Sutherland said it was not possible for the statutory services to provide all the mental health services in the area but the Trust worked in partnership with a number of voluntary groups, most of which operated in the Craigavon, Armagh and Newry areas.

Mr Henning joined the meeting at 11.15 am.

One of the major developments for the future would be the new purpose built Mental Health Centre providing inpatient services and additional services. He reported that a business case had been presented and accepted by the DHSSPS. Crisis intervention services would be extended and there was a major drive on for the development of an Eating Disorder Service. He commended the work of the local voluntary group ADAPT. A new regional forensic service unit was being opened in South and East Belfast Trust.

The Trust is also developing an advocacy service and 2 staff would be trained on a specialist suicide awareness course.

In concluding Mr Sutherland said the Trust faced a number of challenges including the recruitment of mental health nurses, the new GP contract, the ongoing Bamford Mental Health Review, and issues arising from Clinical and Social Care Governance and funding.

Mr Sutherland and Ms Johnston then responded to a number of questions put to them by members.

The Chairman thanked them for the excellent presentation and they left the meeting.

share of funds. This year an extra £2m capitation had been allocated and £2.7m additional recurring funding for pilot projects initially funded under RRI/EPS short term funding which would require recurring investment from 2004/05, examples included the Wraparound Project and the New Children's Home planned for Newry and Mourne.

Service Development funds of £6.3m has been made available to finance the 55 Priorities for Action targets set by DHSSPS, the continued development of regional services and local priorities that are not directly covered by PFA targets but must be developed for local needs.

Targets for health development include investing for health, a specific target around smoking cessation, neonatal hearing screening, emergency planning and a review of the use of health promotion funds.

In relation to primary care services she said there was a target to introduce new out of hours arrangements and improve access to practice services. She indicated that £181,000 had been provided to improve diabetes services and the Board was working with the LHSCGs on this. It was hoped to extend intermediate care services and the LHSCG was commissioning local services for older people etc.

Money allocated to community care would ensure that at least 72 additional people would be supported in the community and help to achieve the PFA target that 88% of older people are supported in their own homes and 39% of care managed clients are supported in their own home.

Plans for Mental Health services included £180,000 for community forensic services, £450,000 to target crisis intervention and £180,000 for eating disorders services. Mrs McAlinden said that the limited additional funding for Physical and Sensory Disability services was disappointing, enabling only limited investment in user priorities such as Regional Wheelchair services.

Secondary care targets were both complex and challenging and in relation to cancer services the Board was investing £75,000 in regional services and £345,000 in local services in Craigavon Area Hospital. £325,000 would be invested in critical care or intensive care. With regard to renal services investment would be

made in both regional and the local services in Daisy Hill Hospital. The Southern Board would work with the other 3 Boards to improve regional developments in areas such as genetics and immunology. Resources would also be targeted at reducing trolley waits, and delayed discharges and waiting times. Other targets in secondary care would include the ambulance service, local priorities, regional spinal cord injury service and direct access services.

Investment for family and children would focus on children with a disability, child protection and adoption, children in care attending school, children leaving care, autism services and children with mental health problems.

Recurring funding would be made available for Wraparound, Newry Children's Home, and contributions to regional schemes. Other Priorities for Action targets listed to include the workforce; governance, quality and performance; Information and Communication Technology; New TSN, Equality and Human Rights; and Capital Investment.

In concluding Mrs McAlinden outlined the next steps with regard to the Board's plans. She said there was not much flexibility in terms of consultation on the plans. The final proposals had to be submitted to the DHSSPS by the 30 April and it was hoped to have approval by the end of May. Monitoring in relation to the targets will be reported on a quarterly basis.

Mrs McAlinden responded to a number of questions from members. She also responded to a member of the public representing the Asperger's Network who was interested to know what services were available for adult autism and what finance was being invested in the service.

The Chairman thanked Mrs McAlinden and Mr Mc Murray for the presentation and for their efforts in consulting with the Council.

Mr McCart left the meeting at 12.45 pm

127/9 VISITS

- 1 Banbridge and Bannvale SEC
Response letter from C/B HSS Trust was noted.

- 2 Oakridge SEC
The report was approved and would be forwarded to the facility for comment.

127/10 FOR INFORMATION

- 1 SHSSB – Minutes of Board meeting held on 9 March 2004
1 SHSSB – Strategic Vision for Health and Social Care Services for Older People 2002 – 2007 and Summary document.
2 SIHP – Newsletter – March 04
3 SALT – Information leaflet
4 Wraparound Update – March 04
5 Armagh & Dungannon LHSCG – Newsletter – Mar 04
6 NIPEC – Development Framework for Nursing and Midwifery – leaflet
7 DHSSPSNI - New GP Contract leaflet – What it means to you
8 DHSSPSNI – Priorities for Action 2004/05
9 Dept of Health – Immunisation information.
10 SHSSB – Monthly Update on Care Management Pressures – February 2004
11 SHSSB – Waiting List Performance Management Report 2003/04 – February 2004
12 Armagh & Dungannon HSS Trust Newsletter – All Told – Spring 2004
13 Armagh & Dungannon HSS Trust Project Bulletin – March 2004
14 Craigavon Area Hospital Group Trust – Minutes of meeting held on 16 March 2004 and agenda for meeting on 20 April (tabled)
15 Newry & Mourne HSS Trust – Minutes of meeting held on 17 February 2004 and agenda for meeting on 20 April 2004 (tabled)

127/11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 1 MS Drug – Beta Interferon
A question raised by a member of the Public related to the drug ‘Beta Interferon’ which is used for the treatment of MS. The lady wanted to know how long it had been since someone in the Southern Board’s area had been given the medication. She was concerned that her daughter who was diagnosed as having MS and referred to the RVH for treatment. On referral she was told

that she needed to be on the treatment, but unfortunately the Southern Board does not have the funding. It was agreed to raise the matter with the Board. The lady was advised that if she left her contact details the Council's Complaints Officer would contact her for further details.

2 Report back from Meetings, conferences etc

Mrs Harris reported that she had attended a conference on housing and found it to be very useful and informative. It informed people of the results of the research which was carried out by the University of Ulster. A similar project is to be repeated throughout Northern Ireland.

Mrs Cairns reported that she had attended a palliative care conference in the Civic Centre, Craigavon and it was a really worthwhile conference. One of the speakers was a cancer sufferer and she spoke of how the news was broken to her.

127/12 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 18 May 2004 at 6.30 pm in Quaker Buildings.

Signed: _____

Date: _____