

# Northern Ireland Social Care Council Participation Partnership

Unconfirmed Minutes  
Tuesday 27th September 2022  
Via Zoom



SEPTEMBER

**27th**



## **Members at the meeting:**





Brenda Maitland (Chair) (Board Member)  
David Hayes (Board Member)  
Sarah Browne ( Board Member)  
Gerard McWilliams  
Anne Mallon  
Joanne Sansome  
David Gillen  
Karen McCormick(IMPACT) (Guest speaker)

## **Apologies:**

Maria Somerville

## **In attendance for Social Care Council:**

Declan McAllister (Director of Registration and Corporate Services)  
Mandy Cowden (Professional Advisor)  
Rita Lewtas (Head of Strategic Communication & Engagement)  
Brian Moylan (Note taker)

1.		<b>Welcome, Apologies, and Introductions</b>	<b>apologies</b> 	<b>ACTION</b>
1.1		<p>Brenda Maitland (Chair) welcomed and thanked everyone for coming and welcomed Brian Moylan and Rita Lewtas to the group and put on record her thanks for Jenny's work with the partnership.</p> <p>Brenda thanked Anne and Gerard for stepping in on her absence to Co-Chair the last meeting.</p> <p>Brenda informed the group that Alan would like to take a step back from the group as he has had a tough summer and Grace would like to take a step back from the group while she is still unwell, the group passed on their well wishes to both Alan and Grace.</p> <p>Apologies were noted from Maria Sommerville.</p>		
2.		<b>Previous Meeting's Minutes and Matters Arising/Update</b>		
2.1		Minutes from the previous meeting which was held on the 16 <sup>th</sup> of June 2022 were agreed as a true and accurate statement and were passed for approval.		<b>Chair</b>
2.2		Anne and Declan had a discussion around direct payment workers and how they are regulated.		
2.3		Declan informed the group that he had passed on Joanne's details to Professor Jones.		
2.4		Declan reported about Joanne's feedback on the carer champion role, Declan advised that this was reflected in our response to the DOH on the consultation		

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## Chair's Update

UPDATE

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| 3.1 | Brenda informed the group that this was her last meeting as chair and stated that it has been a privilege and she is proud to have represented the group and thanked everyone for their commitment to the group and welcomed Sarah as the new chair.                    | <b>Brenda<br/>And<br/>Declan</b> |
| 3.  | <b>Brenda passed over to Declan for some updates.</b>   |                                  |
| 3.2 | Declan informed the group that we are moving to James house on the 3rd and 4th of February 2023 and there will be a welcome pack going out to everyone on all the details of James House.   |                                  |
| 3.3 | Declan reported Patricia has now been confirmed in post as Chief Executive of the Social Care Council.  |                                  |
| 3.4 | Declan reported that there is still work going on developing the social work profession.  |                                  |
| 3.5 | Declan reported that the social reform consultation is now closed and advised that we will find out where we are with this and what is the action plan.   |                                  |
| 3.6 | Declan informed the group that Sean Holland will be leaving his post of Chief Social Worker and will be moving to the Department of Justice with Peter Toogood replacing him as Deputy Permanent Secretary and Aine Morrison taking up the role as Chief Social Worker. |                                  |




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Brenda asked Anne and Gerard about the pilot event that they chaired in June and asked for some points on that.

Observations that came from this were,

- Gerard reported that in his personal view there is some engagements that are better face to face and the proposed doing some workshops with some guest speakers and this will show people the importance of getting involved.
- Anne reported that she prefers face to face meetings but acknowledged that this doesn't suit everyone.
- Joanne advised that it went very well and that both Gerard and Anne done a very good job in Co-Chairing but some people had some difficulty getting into the group virtually, Joanne agrees that face to face is easier but hybrid should be offered and this has offered a lot of disabled people an opportunity to join in to the meetings but comments that face to face is the way forward.
- Anne suggested that it was a good idea to have carers and server users involved and chairing helped with that.
- Mandy asked the group how do we encourage people to come along, aiming to bring in new people to the group.
- Sarah commented that going forward we need to be clear on why we are doing it. Are we wanting to extend the membership? Are there other ways people can engage with the council? Sarah advised we need a bit of time to think about this.
- Gerard commented that within our role as the Participation Partnership, we are holding NISCC to account and suggested that we could maybe different

All

4.2	<p>teams from within the Social Care Council come in and give a bit of a presentation and a bit of a background on what it is they do and this could give people a better understanding on why the Participation Partnership is here.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Declan agreed that hybrid is the way going forward and this would allow more people to attend.</li> </ul> <p>Rita brought forward a few questions to the group asking about what representation do we want to see and what is the targeted recruitment the group would like?</p> <p>Rita advised that as well as building on teams coming in and showcasing to the Partnership that we can provide lots of ideas that we can work to make the Partnership better and show how the Partnership can add value to the rest of the council.</p> <p>Gerard suggested that we should do the recruitment far and wide with hopefully 4 or 5 people coming in that would be perfect.</p>	
5.	<div data-bbox="229 1285 357 1429"> <p>Northern Ireland</p> <p><b>Social</b></p> <p><b>Care</b></p> <p><b>Council</b></p> </div> <div data-bbox="475 1308 896 1411"> <p><b>Karen From IMPACT Assembly</b></p> </div> <div data-bbox="1110 1272 1318 1442">  </div>	
5.1	Karen gave the group an introduction from herself, that her background is as a carer and the opportunity offered by IMPACT was one that connected with her lived experience.	<b>Karen</b>
5.2	Karen outlined what IMPACT do and that it is based on the identification of evidence of what works well in social care. Karen also explained that an earlier implementor site has been identified in Northern Ireland, but was not aware how that was chosen as it was before she took up post.	
5.3	Karen also explained what IMPACT is trying to establish in the UK and then she had a discussion with the group on	

	their experience of engaging with IMPACT.	
5.4	Joanne expressed concerns from the IMPACT assembly that she had attended that there was no real structure and no real follow up from a participation point of view and that would put it off her priority list unfortunately. Karen apologized to Joanne for her experience and thanked her for her feedback. Both Anne and Gerard reflected similar feedback from the first two IMPACT assemblies.	
5.5	Brenda advised that with Karen now in post we would hope there is a renewed approach to the IMPACT assemblies and that we would be happy to help if the help would be taken on board.	
<b>6.</b>	 <b>Break</b>	
6.1	David Gillen had to leave the meeting at this point.	<b>ALL</b>
<b>7.</b>	 <b>Update from Members</b>	
7.1	Anne reported that she has a second meeting with the ombudsman to see where they stand legally with their carers forum and engagement with the Trust.	
7.2	Gerard reported on the event he is taking part in for career in social work- 'A Day in The life of a Social Worker' and has been working with Tricia Devlin from the Social Care Council on this.	
7.3	Joanne shared the great news that the DoH Office of Social Services 'Social work and Co-Production Guide' she helped write has been shortlisted for a European Social Network	

	(ESN) Award.	
<b>8.</b>	 <b>Any Other Business</b>	
8.1	As this was Brenda's last meeting of the Participation Partnership a small token of appreciation was presented to Brenda by Anne and Gerard on behalf of the Partnership Members. A number of members expressed their thanks to Brenda for her kindness, generosity, commitment and compassion to the work of the Partnership.	
8.2	Brenda thanked everyone for the token of appreciation and thanked everyone for their support, commitment and good counsel during her term as Chair of the Partnership. She wished Sarah well as she takes up the role of Chair of the Partnership. Brenda stated that it had been a privilege to part of the Partnership and wished the group well for the future.	
<b>9.</b>	 <b>Dates of Next Meeting</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tuesday 27th September 2022 at 10:30am to 1pm</b></li> <li>• <b>Tuesday 29th November 2022 at 10:30am to 1pm -</b></li> <li>• <b>Tuesday 7th February 2023 at 10:30am to 1pm</b></li> <li>• <b>Tuesday 28th March 2023 at 10:30am to 1pm</b></li> <li>• <b>Tuesday 6th June 2023 at 10:30am to 1pm</b></li> </ul>	
<b>Approved by:</b>		Brenda Maitland
<b>Signature:</b>		

<b>Date of Approval:</b>	

**PARTICIPATION PARTNERSHIP****7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021****ACTIONS LIST – 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2021 MEETING****ITEM****ACTION****Previous Meeting's Minutes  
and Action List****Completed**

<b>1.</b>	<b>Page 2 - Item 2.3 - Terms of Reference</b> The Terms of Reference to be added to next meeting's Agenda	Jenny	YES
<b>2.</b>	<b>Page 3 - Item 2.4 <u>c - Terminology Usage</u></b> Members to feedback to Mandy on "Social Care: the Future of Social Care Post Lockdown"	ALL	YES
<b>3.</b>	<b>Page 3 - Item 2.4 <u>c - Terminology Usage</u></b> Mandy to collate and return to Neil Crowther of Social Care Futures.	Mandy	YES



<b>4.</b>	<b>Page 5 – Item 4.1</b> Any other member who wishes to join the Engagement Working Group to contact Declan.	ALL	YES
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### Outcome of the WFD Team Workshop and the Plan for the Year



<b>5.</b>	<b>Page 6 – Item 5.3</b> Joanne, Gerard and Mandy to continue to develop and identify the key areas of involvement in the WFD Business Plan and report back.	Joanne Gerard Mc Mandy	YES
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## DUTY OF CANDOUR

### Duty Of Candour

<b>6.</b>	<b>Page 9 Item 6.1</b> The Duty of Candour Link and Helen's Duty of Candour presentation to be issued	Jenny	YES
<b>7.</b>	<b>Page 9 – Item 6.1</b> Members to be contacted for their feedback on the Duty Of Candour	Brenda Declan Mandy	YES
<b>8.</b>	<b>Page 9 – Item 6.1</b> 5 or 6 key areas for discussion to be identified from Duty of Candour feedback phone calls	ALL	YES
<b>9.</b>	<b>Page 9 – Item 6.1</b> Arrangement of a session(s) to discuss members' feedback for the Social Care Council's response.	Jenny Mandy	YES



## Any Other Business

### 10. Page 10 – Item 8.1

Add the opening of a the position of Vice/Assistant Chair to the next Meeting's Agenda

Jenny

YES