



Subject:	Notice of Motion – Support for Endometriosis Patients
Date:	5th August, 2025
Reporting Officer:	David Sales, Strategic Director of City & Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Barry Flynn, Committee Services Officer.

Restricted Report	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To bring to Members' attention a motion in relation to 'Support for Endometriosis Patients' which the Standards and Business Committee considered at its meeting on 22nd May.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	<p>Members are asked to note that in accordance with Standing Order 13(i) that Notices of Motion which commit the Council to expenditure must be referred to the appropriate committee for consideration and report.</p> <p>At this time Members are only asked to note that the Notice of Motion has been received and that, if agreed, a subsequent report will be brought to Committee outlining a detailed consideration of the Notice of Motion and the potential costs implications.</p>
3.0	Main Report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	The Standards and Business Committee, at its meeting on 24th June, referred the following motion to the Committee for consideration:
3.2	<p><u>Support for Endometriosis Patients</u></p> <p>"This Council notes that 1 in 10 women suffer from endometriosis: the second most common gynaecological condition. Endometriosis is a chronic and life changing condition. Despite this, waiting times for endometriosis treatment in the North has been labelled 'shocking' by Endometriosis UK.</p> <p>Women often have to wait years for an NHS diagnosis and can be waiting up to 7 years for life changing surgery. The Department of Health figures show that the total</p>

	<p>number of women waiting for a gynaecology outpatient appointment here has more than double in seven years, yet the north remains the only part of the UK and Ireland without a specialist endometriosis centre available through the public health service. Those unable to afford private care are forced to wait years for NHS treatment, enduring avoidable pain that inhibits their quality of life. This Council will write to the Belfast Health Trust and the Health Minister to outline these concerns and request urgent investment to bolster NHS support and reduce waiting times for endometriosis patients.</p> <p>This Council also notes the wider lack of awareness around endometriosis and other female health related illnesses.</p> <p>This Council therefore commits to organising a public workshop in Belfast City Hall to help end the stigma around endometriosis. This Council will invite statutory health bodies, women's health campaign groups, elected members, Council staff and members of the public to attend and participate in this event, to raise awareness, and build support for patients of this illness.”</p> <p>Proposer: Councillor Collins</p> <p>Seconder: Councillor Groogan</p> <p>3.3 The motion calls upon the Council to write to the Belfast Health Trust and the Minister for Health to outline these concerns and request urgent investment to bolster NHS support and reduce waiting times for endometriosis patients. It also calls on the Council organise a workshop in the City Hall which would have resource implications. The People and Communities Committee is responsible for developing and delivering programmes, events and activities to promote health, safety and wellbeing at a local level and accordingly the motion was referred to this Committee.</p> <p>4.0 <u>Financial and Resource Implications</u> None at this stage as there is no commitment to proceed with the Notice of Motion. Details of any financial and resource implications will be reported at a subsequent meeting.</p> <p>5.0 <u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u> This motion, if agreed, may have potential equality, good relations and rural needs implications and should be subject to our normal screening process as appropriate.</p>
	Documents Attached
	None.