



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Transforming Your Care: A review of Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland- Request from the Belfast Social Health and Care Trust to present to Committee
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	In December 2011, the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety published <i>Transforming Your Care: A review of Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland</i> which proposes far-reaching changes to the delivery of health and social care over the next five years.
1.2	The report contains 99 recommendations for improvements in the quality of care and requires a shift of resources of £83m (across N Ireland) from hospital to community-based services. This will be enabled by the investment of £70m (across N Ireland) in transitional funding to enable the new model of care to be implemented. It recognises that quality must be improved within a fixed budget.
1.3	Crucial changes will include the extension of personalised care, enabled through the holding of care budgets by clients themselves, and the establishment of Integrated Care Partnerships involving GPs, Community Pharmacists, Health and Social Care Trusts, other agencies and the community and voluntary sectors. One of the opportunities is to access funding for the development of new facilities in the community, building on the current network of health and well being centres. This will allow GPs to co-locate with nursing, social work, therapists, pharmacists, advice centres and others and to work in an integrated way.

2	Key Issues
2.1	The Belfast Local Commissioning Group (LCG) and the Belfast Trust have been asked to lead the development of a Population Plan for the city which will deliver the new model in partnership with all those who make a contribution to health and social care. The Plan must be submitted by 22 June and Mr Iain Deboys, the Commissioning Lead, has now requested an opportunity for representatives of the LCG and the Trust to present initial proposals to the Council before then.
2.2	Given the light agenda and the timescale for the production of the plan, representatives of the Trust and the LCG are in attendance should the Committee wish to receive a brief presentation.
2.3	Members are also reminded that the representatives from Council on the Local Commissioning Group are Councillors Tim Attwood and Mervyn Jones hence the request to address this committee.

3	Resource Implications
	<u>Financial</u> None <u>Human Resources</u> None <u>Asset and Other Implications</u> No implications

4	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
4.1	There are no equality and Good Relations Considerations attached to this report

5	Recommendations
5.1	Members are asked to consider the request to brief the Committee on these proposals at the meeting.