



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Transforming your Care: Vision to Action – Request from Belfast Health and Social Care Trust to address the Committee
Date:	22nd November, 2012
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1.0	Relevant Background Information
1.1	On 9th October, the Minister for Health, Social Services and Public Safety, Edwin Poots, Launched Transforming Your Care: Vision to Action, a consultation document which summarises the changes proposed to Northern Ireland’s Health and Social Care System.
1.2	The Minister has asked the Health and Social Care Board to carry out the consultation process on his behalf. The consultation will conclude on 15th January, 2012.
1.3	Accordingly, correspondence has been received from Dr. George O’Neill, Chair of Belfast Local Commission Group offering to brief the Committee in this regard.

2.0	Key Issues
2.1	‘Transforming Your Care’ proposes significant changes across Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland. It focuses on reshaping services in order to make best use of all available resources ensuring that services which are provided to the population are safe, resilient and sustainable into the future. Copies of the consultation document can be obtained at www.tyconsultation.hscni.net/consultation/
2.2	The consultation is based on the proposals set out in the Transforming Your Care: A review of Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland report which was published in December, 2011.

2.3	Members will recall that the Committee, at its meeting on 8th June, had previously received a briefing from representatives of the Trust and the Local Commission Group in relation to the proposals set out in that document.
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3.0	Resource Implications
3.1	<u>Financial</u> None
3.2	<u>Human Resources</u> None
3.3	<u>Asset and Other Implications</u> None

4.0	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
4.1	There are no equality or good relations issues associated with this report.

5.0	Recommendations
5.1	The committee is asked to consider the request and take such action thereon as may be determined.

6.0	Decision Tracking
Officer Responsible – Mr. Jim Hanna	