



Last year almost 200 people came to our members event. This year we're hoping for even more!

Working together... Member's event 2017



In March last year we held our first ever members conference in Assembly Buildings, Belfast. Based on the theme of 'The Future is in YOUR Hands' guests were treated to an afternoon of interesting guest speakers, comedy from local comedian Tim McGarry and a celebratory lunch - plenty of food for thought! Almost 200 members attended the event and feedback from the day was extremely positive.

We're delighted to announce that we have organised a second annual conference for Wednesday 29th March 2017. This year the theme is around 'Working Together' and how local health and social care services need to work hand in hand with the people that use them to make meaningful change. The Lord Mayor of Belfast will be hosting the event in the grand surroundings of the Great Hall in Belfast City Hall and the day is set to be a real treat for attendees with practical examples of how co-production is making a difference for people in Northern Ireland, a number of guest speakers and some light entertainment.

Details of the event are as follows:

Date: **Wednesday 29th March 2017**

Time: **1:00pm to 3:30pm** (Lunch from 12:00pm)

Venue: **Belfast City Hall, Belfast City Centre**

An official invite to the event will be posted to you shortly, however if you wish to book a place at the event in the meantime, you can do so in the following ways:

Online by visiting: <http://bit.ly/PCCEvent2017>

Email by sending your name, address, contact number and any dietary requirements to:
matthew.weather@pcce.org.uk

Phone by calling 028 95 361698.

We look forward to seeing you on the day!



Have your say on Dental Services



New arrangements are being considered for the provision of health service dental care and treatment. To help shape these new arrangements the Department of Health wants to hear the views of the public on dental services. They will use this information in order to help them evaluate and make recommendations on issues such as demand for services.

Enclosed with this issue of the UPDATES Newsletter you'll find the dental services questionnaire. Please take the time to complete this and return it to us using the freepost envelope provided.

The closing date for return of the questionnaire is Wednesday 12th April 2017. If you have any questions about this questionnaire, please contact the Department of Health on 028 90 520500 or email: dentalbranch@health-ni.gov.uk.

Co-production of Adult Care and Support



The Patient and Client Council are facilitating co-production of Adult Care and Support services in Northern Ireland. The first of a series of engagements commenced on 14 February 2017, in Riddel Hall, Belfast. Around 30 people representing the various areas within adult social care came together to discuss current situation with a view to mapping future thinking in this important area of work.

Representatives met with the Expert Panel, who were appointed by the Minister of Health, to discuss current thinking. This body of service users and carers are responsible for the co-production of adult care and support priorities to inform the work of the Expert Panel. This marks the beginning of this important Ministerial priority and updates will be provided throughout.

Let's have another... Coffee Connection



We're running our popular Coffee Connections events again - bring a friend and come along to find out what we've been doing over the last six months, plus find out about our 'Members Choice' project. Attendees will get a free cup of tea or coffee, a bun plus a FREE PCC Mug!



Events are being held across Northern Ireland, check the list below for your nearest one:

Venue	Date & Time
South Belfast	6 th April at 10:30am
West Belfast	26 th April at 7:00pm
North Belfast	2 nd May at 2:00pm
East Belfast	17 th May at 2:00pm
Magherafelt	25 th April at 2:00pm
Newtownabbey	27 th April at 10:30am
Ballymena	4 th May at 7:00pm
Ballycastle	18 th May at 10:30am
Limavady	24 th April at 10:30am
Lisnaskea	26 th April at 2:00pm
Strabane	18 th May at 7:00pm
Banbridge	28 th April at 10:30am
Portadown	4 th May at 2:00pm
Keady	25 th May at 7:00pm
Bangor	26 th April at 10:30am
Lisburn	27 th April at 2:00pm
Castlewellan	2 nd May at 7:00pm

To find details of the exact venue and to book your place, please contact Matthew Weatherall on 028 95 361698 or email: matthew.weatherall@hscni.net.

Are you interested in attending this year's NICON event?



The Northern Ireland Confederation for Health and Social Care is the voice of management in the Health and Social Care system. Their annual conference and exhibition brings over 300 leaders from the HSC, partner organisations and service users together under one roof.

This year the conference is being held on 18-19th May in the La Mon Hotel. We have a limited number of places available for members to attend this event, if you would like to attend, please register your interest with Lindsay Smyth on 028 95 361709 or email: lindsay.smyth@hscni.net.