

# CO3 Special Interest Group – Health

## Terms of Reference

The following is terms of reference for CO3's Special Interest Group on Health and Social Care.

## Introduction

CO3's health and social care special interest group is a coming together of CO3 members with an interest in health and social care. The group was instigated and comprised by full members of CO3 Chief Officers 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector.

## Purpose of the group

- The Health and Social Care Special Interest Group is a network for third sector leaders operating at a strategic level in H&SC
- The core purpose of the group is to allow third sector leaders to seek opportunities to maximise the third sector contribution to the reform and change in health and Social Care in NI, in the benefit of communities and service users and to optimise the sector's role in service design and delivery.
- The group will represent the shared interests of CO3 members with a health interest, representing the issues of service users and beneficiaries and advocating on these issues.
- Members may be nominated to represent the group in working groups and other bodies in the statutory or private sector in accordance with the CO3 process for responding to requests for representatives to working group.

## How it should work

- Be accountable to all CO3 members and the Executive Committee of CO3.
- Be realistic about the timeframe and scale of what might be achieved.
- Members would contribute support and resources to the effective running of the group.
- Encourage working in partnership with other networks and organisations to avoid duplication.
- The group should encompass the broad health and social care perspective, including primary health, social care, inequalities, public health and community development.

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## In order to support information sharing and intelligence please see the following useful links

- McKinsey Report [www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/mckinseyreport.htm](http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/mckinseyreport.htm);
- The Apply Review [www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/index/publications.htm](http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/index/publications.htm);
- Marmot Review [www.marmotreview.org](http://www.marmotreview.org), which sets out a wider consideration of health in equalities.
- Minister O'Neills Ten Year vision - <https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/health/health-and-wellbeing-2026-delivering-together.pdf>
- Report from Professor Bengoa's Expert Panel: <https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/health/expert-panel-full-report.pdf>

## Regional Re-enablement Steering Group

CO3's representative to this group are:

- Nicky Conway, Belfast Central Mission
- Jo Marley, Bryson Care
- Linda Robinson, Age NI