



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
AND HEALTH NETWORK

THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH POLICY ENVIRONMENT

CDHN Members

- Policy workshops at networking events
- CDHN Members' policy Advisory Group
- Briefing papers
- Community development and health projects and workers across Northern Ireland

Regional Community Development Managers

- Informal grouping of CD Managers from Boards and Trusts
- Produce the Community Development Performance Management

Minister of Health

Michael McGimpsey, UUP. Constituency: Belfast South

Minister held accountable by Health Committee

Assembly Health Committee

Chair: Iris Robinson, DUP. Constituency: Strangford
Deputy Chair: Michelle O'Neill, Sinn Fein. Constituency: Mid-Ulster

Minister & Committee supported by DHSSPS

DHSSPS Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety

- Permanent Secretary, Dr Andrew McCormick
- Community development is currently the responsibility of the Family Policy Unit, led by Sean Holland

Health and Social Care Authority

- Chief Executive, David Sissling
- Director of Strategic Planning and Commissioning, Anne Lynch
- 3 Area Commissioners, Sean McKeever, Ed McClean & Ian Deboys

DHSSPS has strategic, policy role

HSCA has operational role

Commissioning services

Providing services

7 Local Commissioning Groups

- Committees of the HSCA
- 15 members made up of GPs, Pharmacists, Optometrists, Dentist and 2 Lay members
- Will commission local services for HSCA
- Strong emphasis on public health, health inequalities and community development

5 Trusts

- Northern, Southern, Western, Belfast and South & East.
- Amalgamation of the original 19.
- Some with community development units/managers/workers.
- All with stated commitment to community engagement, and some with commitment to community development.

Community Commissioning Associations

- Will commission services for population sizes of 35,000-50,000 (possibly larger in Belfast)
- GPs will lead CCAs
- C&V sector involvement is being negotiated
- In pilot stage only (2007 – 2008)

Other Statutory Bodies / Agencies

For example: HAZ, Investing for Health Partnerships, Managers & Workers, Health Promotion Agency

Community & Voluntary Sector

For example: NICVA, Institute of Public Health, Belfast Healthy Cities, voluntary health sector organisations such as Alzheimer's Society

There are many active partnerships within and between the community, voluntary and statutory sectors outlined here. CDHN works with all these organisations