



Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

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Accident and Emergency Services in Belfast

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust welcomes the opportunity to present our plans to ensure the safest possible services to patients attending our Emergency Departments at the Royal Victoria, Belfast City and Mater Hospitals.

Changes to the way in which we deliver emergency services are currently needed for two key reasons;

1. A shortage of suitably qualified medical staff to work in our Emergency Departments despite a local and international recruitment drive and
2. An inability to ensure the supervision of junior doctors on some of our sites – in line with the requirements of the Northern Ireland Medical and Dental Training Agency (NIMDTA).

We have been taking every opportunity to talk to internal and external stakeholders about this issue – and particularly welcome the opportunity to address the committee and listen to Members views.

The Trust team will include;

Colm Donaghy	Chief Executive
Marie Mallon	Deputy Chief Executive
Dr Tony Stevens	Medical Director
Patricia Donnelly	Director of Acute Services
Denise Stockman	Director of Planning Redevelopment