Cuba has managed to create a first class health and social wellbeing system that is, in some respects, better than many developed countries, despite being considered a third world country.

A nurse, midwife and health visitor from Northern Ireland, Dr Una Lynch, has been studying the Cuban health system and the reasons behind its conspicuously good outcomes for over six years. She argues that Cuba teaches the importance of health policy based on systematic needs assessment and strong political commitment to public health.

The PHA are planning a workshop to examine why the Cubans have been so successful, and what learning we can take from this for our health and social wellbeing system in Northern Ireland.

The event is planned for 27 January 2012 at Mossley Mill, Newtownabbey starting at 9.30am and finishing with a light lunch.

As numbers are limited, please contact Des Garland at <u>des.garland@hscni.net</u> to book your place.

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