

Speaker profiles continued

is also responsible for emergency planning for the organisation. She led the local involvement of Belfast in Healthy and Wealthy Together, a European project addressing the health and wellbeing of migrant populations (2010–11) and now chairs the Regional Ethnic Minorities Health and Wellbeing Group on behalf of the Public Health Agency. Previously she worked for the Institute of Public Health in Ireland where she led work on developing leadership for public health and research into multi-agency partnerships for health, both with a particular emphasis on addressing health inequalities. Leslie is a Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health and completed her PhD in 2007.

Eleanor McKnight

Eleanor McKnight currently leads a public sector mainstreaming race equality programme with the Council for Ethnic Minority Voluntary Organisations (CEMVO) Scotland – a national capacity building organisation with a network of over 600 ethnic minority organisations and groups. Eleanor has previously worked as Head of Equalities Support in NHS Health Scotland and as Acting Director of the National Resource Centre for Ethnic Minority Health. In NICEM she facilitated the first accredited health interpreting courses. Eleanor also developed the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland's good practice guide on race equality and health.

Karen Wagner

Karen joined the Travel and Migrant Health Section at the Health Protection Agency as Migrant Health Scientist in August 2010. Prior to this she worked as a researcher in maternal health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and also at the Health Protection Agency as a scientist (epidemiology) within the Immunisation Department. She holds an MSc in Epidemiology from Imperial College London. Current ongoing projects include the development of the Migrant Health Guide (www.hpa.org.uk/migranthealthguide), migrant health mapping in collaboration with North East and North Central

London Health Innovation and Education Cluster, and a study of childhood immunisation coverage by ethnicity.

Celine McStravick

Celine McStravick has over 20 years' experience working both in the community/voluntary sector and local government. Since September 2008, Celine has been Director of the National Children's Bureau, Northern Ireland (NCB NI) leading on policy and practice issues, working closely with the voluntary/community sector and government departments. In her role as NCB NI Director, Celine developed the Diversity in Action project in response to contemporary evidence gathered by NCB NI researchers.

Cara Anderson

Cara Anderson currently works as the Assistant Director of Commissioning and Stakeholder Engagement with the Health and Social Care Board. A key part of her remit is to have oversight of the work of Managed Clinical Networks. Cara previously worked as Network Director for the Northern Ireland Cancer Network. Cara also has experience of leading a community network through her role as Project Manager for Disability Network, a Lottery funded healthy living programme for disabled adults.

Fergal O'Brien

Fergal O'Brien is a qualified social worker with over three years' experience as a Youth and Community Worker with the Newry Travellers and 17 years' generic community development experience as a practitioner and manager in health and personal social services. As manager of a locality Promoting Wellbeing Team, Fergal is responsible for 17 health improvement and community development staff with locality and area wide remits. He is the current BME lead for the Southern Area Promoting Wellbeing Department. Fergal also chairs an interagency partnership the Wellbeing Action Partnership in Newry and Mourne District Council to which the Ethnic Minority Support Centre is accountable.

Conference on minority ethnic health and wellbeing issues in Northern Ireland

Wednesday 12 October 2011 • King's Hall, Belfast • 9.00am



Background/introduction:

The conference, organised by the regional, intersectoral Minority Ethnic Health and Social Wellbeing Steering Group, led by the Public Health Agency (PHA), will feature presentations and workshops to share learning and good practice from across Northern Ireland and the wider UK.

Aims:

- Raise awareness of migrant health needs;
- Share best practice across Northern Ireland and the wider UK;
- Stimulate action by exploring the potential for establishing a good practice network;
- Create an environment where people can contribute local experience.

Target audience:

- Health and Social Care organisations in Northern Ireland;
- Minority ethnic community and voluntary sector;
- Local councils;
- Human Rights Commission;
- Equality Commission;
- Other public sector organisations.

Programme

9.00am Registration (Tea/coffee)	
9.30am	<p>Welcome Dr Eddie Rooney, Chief Executive, Public Health Agency</p> <p>Chair of morning session Dr Michael McBride, Chief Medical Officer</p>
9.45am	<p>Achieving equality in health and social care in Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) communities Mr Patrick Vernon, CEO, the Afiya Trust, London</p>
10.10am	<p>Project: London – helping vulnerable people to access health care Ms Fizza Qureshi, Programme Manager for Project: London, Doctors of the World UK</p>
10.35am	<p>Health issues in refugees and asylum seekers in Northern Ireland: Views of the Refugee Health Special Interest Group Dr Linda Agnew, GP, Belfast</p>
10.50am	<p>Roma health and wellbeing issues in Northern Ireland Ms Denise Wright, Race Relations Coordinator, South Belfast Partnership Board</p>
11.05am	<p>Northern Ireland Health and Social Care Interpreting Service Ms Orla Barron, Senior Manager for Health and Social Inequalities, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust</p>
11.20am Tea/coffee	
12.00noon	<p>Choice of workshops: (a) Access and human rights (b) Children's issues (c) Welcome/one stop services (d) Mental health (e) Domestic violence/trafficking (f) Health protection</p>
1.00pm Lunch	
2.00pm	<p>Welcome back Chair of afternoon session Dr Leslie Boydell, Associate Medical Director, Public Health, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust</p>
	<p>Ministerial address Mr Edwin Poots, MLA, Minister for Health, Social Services and Public Safety</p>
2.15pm	<p>Scottish approach to improving ethnic minority health and wellbeing – a community perspective Ms Eleanor McKnight, Council for Ethnic Minority Voluntary Organisations, Scotland</p>
2.40pm	<p>Developing a web-based migrant health guide Ms Karen Wagner, Health Protection Agency, London</p>
3.00pm	<p>Supporting Practitioners Ms Celine McStravick, Director, National Children's Bureau, Northern Ireland</p>
3.20pm	<p>Panel discussion on establishing a good practice network in Northern Ireland</p>
4.00pm	<p>Concluding remarks and next steps</p>
4.15pm	<p>Evaluation and close</p>

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Dr Michael McBride

Dr Michael McBride was appointed to the post of chief medical officer for the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety in September 2006. Prior to joining the department, he had been medical director at the Royal Group of Hospitals from August 2002. Dr McBride took up the post of chief medical officer during a time of significant change for health and social care in Northern Ireland. He has been closely involved in the development of the new health and social care structures post Review of Public Administration, including the establishment of the Public Health Agency, and also in developing a range of service frameworks across Northern Ireland.

Dr Eddie Rooney

Dr Eddie Rooney is Chief Executive of the Public Health Agency. The Agency was established in 2009 to protect and improve health and social wellbeing and reduce health inequalities. Prior to joining the Public Health Agency, Dr Rooney served as Equality Director at the Office for the First Minister and Deputy First Minister and as Deputy Secretary at the Department of Education from 2004 to 2008.

Patrick Vernon

Patrick Vernon is Chief Executive of the Afiya Trust, one of the leading race equality health charities in the UK, which seeks to support and maintain national and local networks concerned with the promotion of BME health and social care issues. He is also a member of the Department of Health Equality Diversity Council, Ministerial Advisory Group for Mental Health and Chair of the Healthwatch Advisory Group.

Patrick has a passion and track record in promoting BME cultural heritage and influencing mainstream bodies and institutions. He has been an adviser to the BBC, National Archives, Royal Geographic Society, British Council and UK museums and archives.

Fizza Qureshi

Fizza Qureshi is currently the Programme Manager for Project: London, a health advocacy programme run by Doctors of the World UK using volunteer doctors, nurses

and support workers to provide information, advice and practical assistance on how to access mainstream health services. Fizza joined Doctors of the World UK in 2006 as a volunteer support worker for Project: London. Fizza has a Master's degree in Human Rights and Social Change after moving away from her scientific background.

Dr Linda Agnew

Dr Linda Agnew is a sessional GP in Belfast with an interest in refugee and asylum health. She is involved with medicolegal reports for those seeking asylum and various voluntary agencies. Linda is the chair of the Refugee Health Special Interest Group, an informal group of health care professionals with an interest in refugee and asylum health.

Denise Wright

Denise Wright is Race Relations Coordinator with the South Belfast Partnership Board, where she has been building links with the Romanian Roma community since 2007.

Denise sits on a range of interagency groups involved in delivering good relations and health initiatives. She works closely with the Roma Project at the Multi Cultural Resource Centre and has a keen interest in Roma health, having spent over 20 years practising as a nurse.

Orla Barron

Orla Barron is Senior Manager for Health and Social Inequalities in the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust. Her remit within the organisation is to mainstream equality of opportunity and good relations and promote and uphold human rights in the spheres of policy formulation, service provision, procurement and employment. Orla also oversees the management and effective operations of the Northern Ireland Health and Social Care Interpreting Service.

Dr Leslie Boydell

Leslie Boydell is Associate Medical Director for Public Health at the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust, where she is responsible for promoting the Trust's goals of improving health and reducing health inequalities. She leads on personal and community involvement in the Trust's business and on health improvement. She