

Presentation Outcome from Key Note Speakers

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The social work profession is often asked to demonstrate that the service delivered to adults, children and families is effective. Yet the nuance and complexity of the real world can make generating this evidence challenging. Our understanding of complex interventions has improved in recent years through a number of research studies on practice and outcomes. This presentation will draw on this emerging evidence to explore what we know about the impact and effectiveness of social work practice, and what we are yet to understand. It will consider important questions around what constitutes 'good' practice and how it can be measured. I will argue that practice is created not only by individual practitioners but by the organisations and wider systems they exist within.

Cheryl Lamont, Chief Executive-Probation Board NI

Enhanced Combination Orders: an effective alternative to custody based on social work principles

In October 2015, the Probation Board for Northern Ireland piloted an intensive community sentence called 'The Enhanced Combination Order' (ECO) as an alternative to short prison sentences of 12 months or less. It is a demanding community sentence which requires offenders to complete unpaid work, participate in victim focused work, undergo assessment and participate in programmes.

ECO has now been evaluated and it has been found that there was a 40% reduction in the re-offending rate for those who completed the order. The evaluation also found that the number of prison sentences of 12 months or less awarded by courts involved in the ECO pilot decreased by 10.5% suggesting that ECO was impacting on prison numbers.

**Dr Berni Kelly - Queen's University, Belfast and
Darren Smith Peer Researcher**

The You Only Leave Once - YOLO study aimed to investigate transitions and outcomes for care leavers with mental health and - or intellectual disabilities in NI.

The study had a mixed method design involving a profiling survey of the population of care leavers in Northern Ireland who had a mental health and - or intellectual disability (n=314), followed by case studies of 31 of these care leavers to further explore their experiences of leaving care and transitioning from child to adult services.

As part of these case studies, four care experienced young people were trained as peer researchers. The experience of peer research was positive for all involved in the study. Guides have been developed.

Check out details at the following link in addition to the short and full reports on the study findings:
<http://www.research.hscni.net/bamford-implementation-commissioned-call-portfolio>

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difference?
Issues in evaluating complex interventions”**

Belfast Castle



Programme Outline

Time		Speaker
9.00	Registration and coffee	
9.30	Welcome & Opening Remarks	Cecil Worthington (Acting) Director of Social Care and Children Health and Social Care Board
9.45	What we know from Research on Effectiveness in Social Work Practice	David Westlake Senior Research Fellow, Tilda Goldberg Centre for Social Work and Social Care University of Bedfordshire
10.45	Tea and coffee	
11.00	Parallel Oral Presentations Breakout sessions	
12.20	Enhanced combination orders: an alternative to custody based on social work principles	Cheryl Lamont Chief Executive Probation Board NI
13.00	Lunch Poster viewing	
1.30	Predicting the Unpredictable	Joel and Campbell Killick, Research Officer South Eastern HSC Trust
2.10	Parallel Oral Presentations Breakout sessions	
3.20	Tea and coffee	
3.40	I haven't read it, I have lived it: the YOLO study's experience of peer research with care leavers	Dr Berni Kelly, Senior Lecturer Queen's University Belfast and Darren Smith, Peer Researcher
4.10	Social Work and Research and Evidence in Northern Ireland	Jackie McIlroy Deputy Chief Social Work Officer, Department of Health
4.20	Close & Evaluation	Anne McGlade Social Care Lead Health and Social Care Board

"Efficiency is doing things right; effectiveness is doing the right things.

There is nothing as useless as doing efficiently that which should not be done at all".

Peter Drucker

"In vain have you acquired knowledge if you have not imparted it to others.

Knowledge increases by sharing not by saving".

Kamari aka Lyrikal

Oral Presentations

Carole Kirk Includes Poster	Northern HSC Trust AM Only	Restorative Approaches with Families in Elder Abuse Cases	1
Paula McFadden	Ulster University	The Wellbeing Exchange from Volunteering	1
Patricia Nichol Anne Marie Bagnall	HSCB and Education Authority	Raising the Education Outcomes of Looked After Children, Early Intervention Transformation Programme	1
Elizabeth Craig	Northern HSC Trust	Mental Health Issues Facing Women who Offend and in Conflict with the Criminal Justice System in NI	1
Brian Taylor	Ulster University PM only	Dementia Study	1
Emma O'Neill Includes Poster	Action for Children	Think Family Social Worker	1
Paul McCafferty	Queen's University Belfast	What knowledge base social workers use to inform their decisions regarding permanency decisions of LAC	2
Una Lernihán Cathy Meenan	Health & Social Care Board Western HSC Trust	Home on Time Trial (foster carers) securing early permanency	2
Franz Kavanagh Includes Poster	South Eastern Trust	Ageing out of foster care, the support and experience of young people	2
Helen Dunn Catherine Cooke Lorna Montgomery	Health and Social Care Board	Building Better Futures: an evaluation	2
Adrian Graham Includes Poster	South Eastern HSC Trust	Developing team resilience as a strategy to prevent burnout and compassion fatigue in statutory residential care	2
Mary Donaghy Kerry McVeigh Includes Poster	Health & Social Care Board	Think Family Social Work Assessment Pilot	3
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Jenni Rice Includes Poster	South Eastern Trust	Female care leavers experience of the staff child relationship while living in an intensive support home in Northern Ireland	3
Lorna Montgomery Deborah Hanlon Christine Armstrong	Queen's University Belfast	10,000 voices service user experiences in safeguarding	3
Simon Darby Includes Poster	CLIC Sargent and Belfast HSC Trust	Fitness4Survivors:	3

Additional Poster Presentations

Jane Hindes	South Eastern HSC Trust	What is effective in reducing ante-natal maternal stress
Caroline McGonigle	Northern HSC Trust	Effectiveness of professional regulation in social care
Suzanne Cunningham	Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority	The use of standards in the regulation of adult health and social care establishments
Liz Tanner	Southern HSC Trust	Staff experiences and perceptions of assessing individuals with a dual sensory loss and learning disability