

# TIME FOR CHANGE



**An international conference exploring  
opportunities for expansion of the unique  
UNISON/Health Service Partnerships**

**Thursday 1 October 2015**

**Crumlin Road Gaol, Belfast**



**UNISON / EMPLOYER PARTNERSHIPS**  
*UNISON and employers working together to improve  
health and social care delivery and working lives*

# Win-win Outcomes Quality PARTNERSHIP Participation Union-building Innovation Equality Change

## UNISON/Health Service Partnerships

For several years UNISON and health employers in Northern Ireland have worked together on a wide range of collaborative partnership projects producing real outcomes on improved care and satisfaction for patients, clients, health and social care workers alike.

Described by the Kings Fund as 'ground-breaking', some are UK wide award winning and others have created jobs in our most disadvantaged communities. Sharing with our partners in the US has created further opportunities for change.

This international conference explores the future development of these unique models at a time when critical change is needed.

# Programme

**9.00am** Registration, tea & coffee

**9.30am** **Welcome and scene setting**

- **Patricia McKeown** - Regional Secretary, UNISON
- **Dr Michael McBride** - Chief Executive, Belfast HSC Trust

**10.00am** **Working in Partnership – ‘Groundbreakers’**

*Showcasing effective Partnership in a time of challenge, change and crisis.  
Facilitated by Pat Brand, former Senior Fellow, King’s Fund*

Panel

- **William McKee** - former Chief Executive, Belfast HSC Trust
- **Marie Mallon** - former Deputy Chief Executive, Belfast HSC Trust
- **Damian McAlister** - Director of Human Resources, Belfast HSC Trust
- **Pamela Dooley** - Union Management Partnership Advisor

**11.00am** **Break**

**11.15am** **Working in Partnership – The New York Experience**

*How labour/management partnerships are facilitating organisational change and developing solutions to the complex challenges facing healthcare in New York*

- **Deborah King** - 1199SEIU Training & Employment Funds, New York
- **Thomas Helfrich** - League of Voluntary Hospitals, New York

**12.00noon** **Partnership successes**

**Royal Maternity Service Health and Wellbeing Project**

- **Elizabeth Bannon** – Co-Director of Women’s Services

**Western Area Care Homes Project**

- **Deirdre Walker** – Asst Director of Adult Safeguarding, Western HSC Trust
- **Claire Lafferty** – Deputy Manager, Meadowbank Residential Home, Omagh
- **Linda Jones** – Personal Activity Leader, The County Care Home, Enniskillen

**Belfast HSC Trust Homecare Project**

- **Roberta Magee** – Homecare Co-ordinator, Belfast HSC trust

**12.30pm** **Lunch**

**1.15pm** **“Partnership. What’s in it for me?”**

*Group session facilitated by Pat Brand to explore the benefits of expanding the UNISON/Health Service Partnership model*

**2.30pm** **Next steps**

**3.00pm** Close and tour of Gaol

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