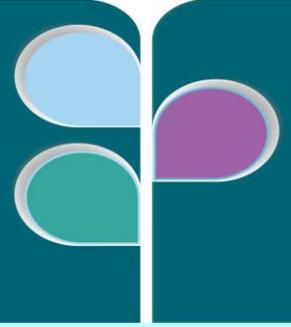


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Belfast Trust and GP Partnership newsletter



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Welcome to our sixth Links edition! The Belfast Trust and Primary Care Forum would like to take the opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year and to commend each and every one of you on your ongoing dedication and resilience through what has been an exceedingly difficult period for all of those involved in health and social care. We know that the Omicron variant and the resultant impact on staff shortages remain a significant challenge at this time for the Trust and in General Practice.



The forum continues to meet on a fortnightly basis and has produced mutual benefits for the Trust and GPs alike. Interpersonal and strong partnerships have been forged and working together has helped to ensure more seamless service provision.

Online Trust GP Portal

We are currently working together to scope redevelopment of a former GP portal, which had previously proved to be a useful communication tool between the Trust and Primary Care colleagues. It is envisaged that when this is revised, updated and made available online that it would effectively replace this Links newsletter and provide a repository of current, up to date and relevant information to facilitate two way communication. To ensure that this is something worthwhile and providing the right information, we would encourage you to provide feedback on what this portal ought to provide. [Tell us what information you need](#). We will also be convening a virtual workshop to engage on the portal and its format and content on Wednesday 9th March 2022 at 2-5pm. Please contact orla.barron@belfasttrust.hscni.net if you would be interested in helping to shape our online resource.



On 17 June 2020, the Minister for Health announced plans for the Chief Nursing Officer for Northern Ireland to coproduce a new [framework](#) for enhancing clinical care for residents in care homes, working in partnership with the Independent Sector providers. At our Trust and GP Forum meeting on 14th January 2022, a [presentation](#) was provided from Trust colleagues working to enhance clinical care for residents in care homes. A Multi-Disciplinary Task and Finish Purpose

