

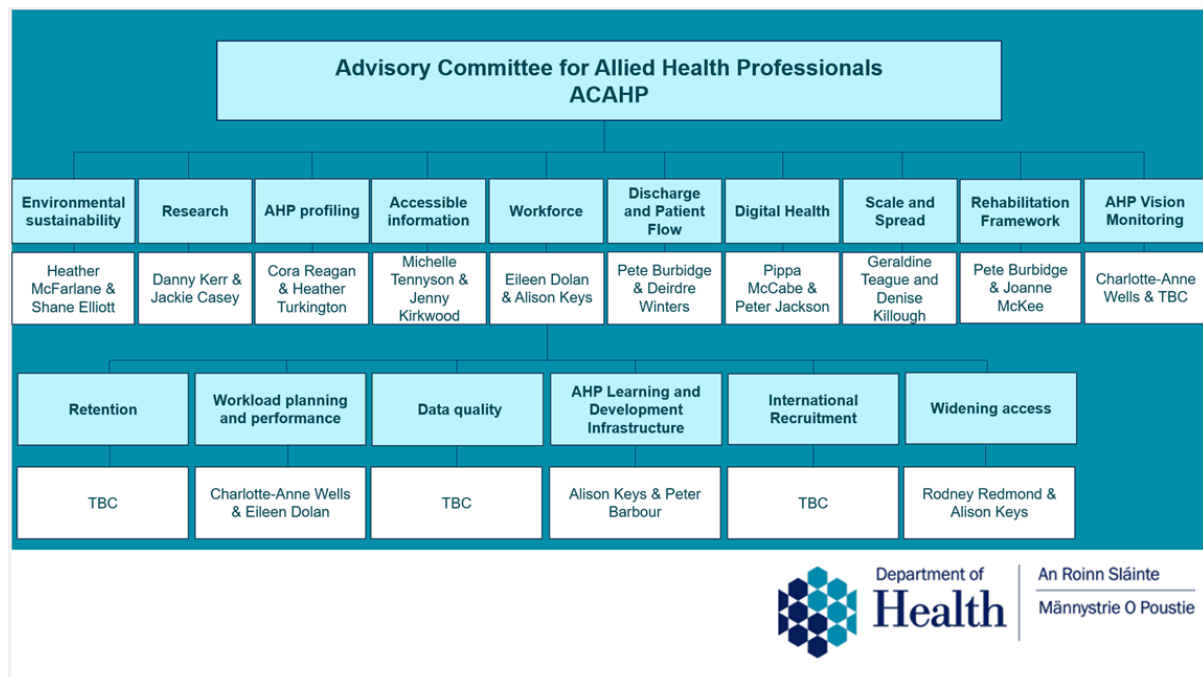
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Northern Ireland Briefing document

CAHPO

Michelle Tennyson has set reintroduced an advisory committee for Allied Health Professionals (ACAHP).

Underneath this group there are several sub groups which will help informed the CAHPO position.



Department of Health; Northern Ireland

Mike Nesbit; Health Minister launched a reconfiguration framework for hospitals, setting out the key principles to underpin service reorganisation. Entitled “Hospitals – Creating a Network for Better Outcomes”, the document will be the subject of a public consultation.

Hospitals – Creating a Network for Better Outcomes can be read here - <https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/publications/hospitals-creating-network-better-outcomes>

DoH northern Ireland has invited Professor Bengoa to return, his report 'Systems, Not Structures', which signified a turning point in the Assembly's intent to transform our health and social care system, with a clear focus on creating a safe, high-quality and sustainable service for people across the North of Ireland.

The Health minister has also announced a 'Live Better' initiative on health inequalities, designed to bring targeted health support to communities which need it most. This will seek to pull programmes together so that they can be delivered intensively in specific communities. It will cover areas such as: increasing uptake of health screening and vaccination; mental health and emotional well-being support; blood pressure and cholesterol checks; building health literacy; improving social connections; providing nutritional advice; and providing opportunities to be more physically active.

The AHP leads have recently received word that the MDT programme has received additional funding through the DoH transformation funding. Although the exact parameters of the funding has not been released as yet each HSC is looking at ability to support the roll out of the MDT teams across the remaining 10 federations. This will require investment in staff training and workforce planning

AHP Research & Innovation Conference Report 2024

The conference was held in the Balmoral Hotel 11th September 2024

The event was aimed at Allied Health Professionals (AHPs) across the 14 AHP professions in Northern Ireland who have started or were preparing to start the journey as researchers in any capacity.

We received 76 abstracts and of which 48 translated to the conference presentation in the form of platform, rapid 5 and poster areas.

We welcomed 118 delegates from across N.Ireland with 100% agreement on making this conference an annual event.