Presentation to Fermanagh and Omagh Council

19 February 2026

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- **Updates on:**
  - Context – Emergency General Surgery Change at SWAH
  - Health Needs in Fermanagh and West Tyrone
  - Engaging on Fermanagh and West Tyrone Health and Care Futures
  - Update on Investments in the area
  - Questions

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Context

December 2022: Implementation of the temporary suspension of Inpatient Emergency General Surgery at SWAH, following the decision by Trust Board. Ambulatory and elective General Surgery continues at SWAH.

January 2025: RQIA Review of the Pathways Associated with the Temporary Suspension of Emergency General Surgery at SWAH

May 2025: Encompass 'Go Live'

July 2025: Trust Board approved the decision to proceed with a 'Public Consultation on a permanent change to Emergency General Surgery' in July 2025

Health Minister asked the Trust to pause that consultation and begin the process of producing a **Vision Plan**, '***emphasising how the South West Acute Hospital will meet the health needs of its current and future population.'***

7 October 2025: Trust Board formally agreed to close the Public Consultation and start new work to design and develop a Vision Plan – a forward-looking programme focussing on the people and places of Fermanagh and West Tyrone.

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Western Trust commitment to South West Acute Hospital

SWAH remains an important Acute Hospital within the Northern Ireland hospital network and its acute services provision has not changed. SWAH provides a 24/7 Type 1 Emergency Department, maternity services (Obstetrics and Gynaecology), full resuscitation facilities and Intensive Care Unit.

The Trust is also committed to contributing fully, where appropriate, to cross-border collaboration including, through partnership work already underway with Saolta and CAWT on cross-border issues.

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Population Health: Broad scanning

- Health Inequalities Report (2025)
- Pathfinder Report (the "Declan Bradley report")

- Population Health West (Trust report)
- AIPB place based analysis (July 25)

New work programme – Next Steps:
Fermanagh West Tyrone (FWT) Health and Care

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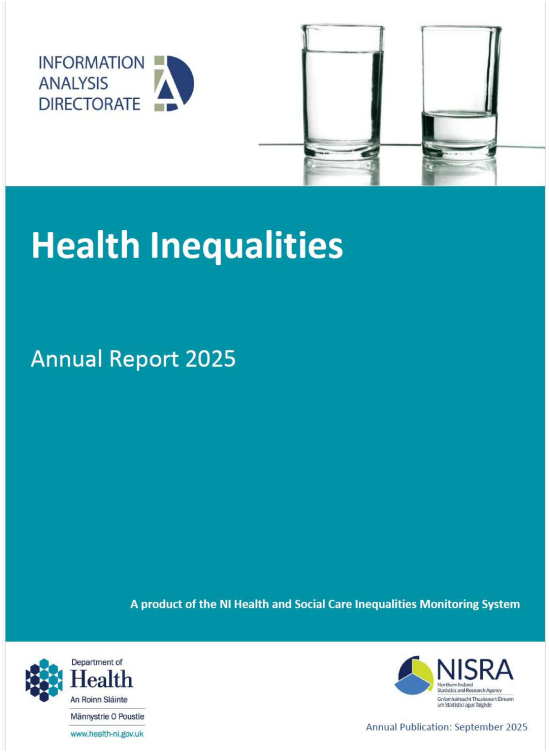
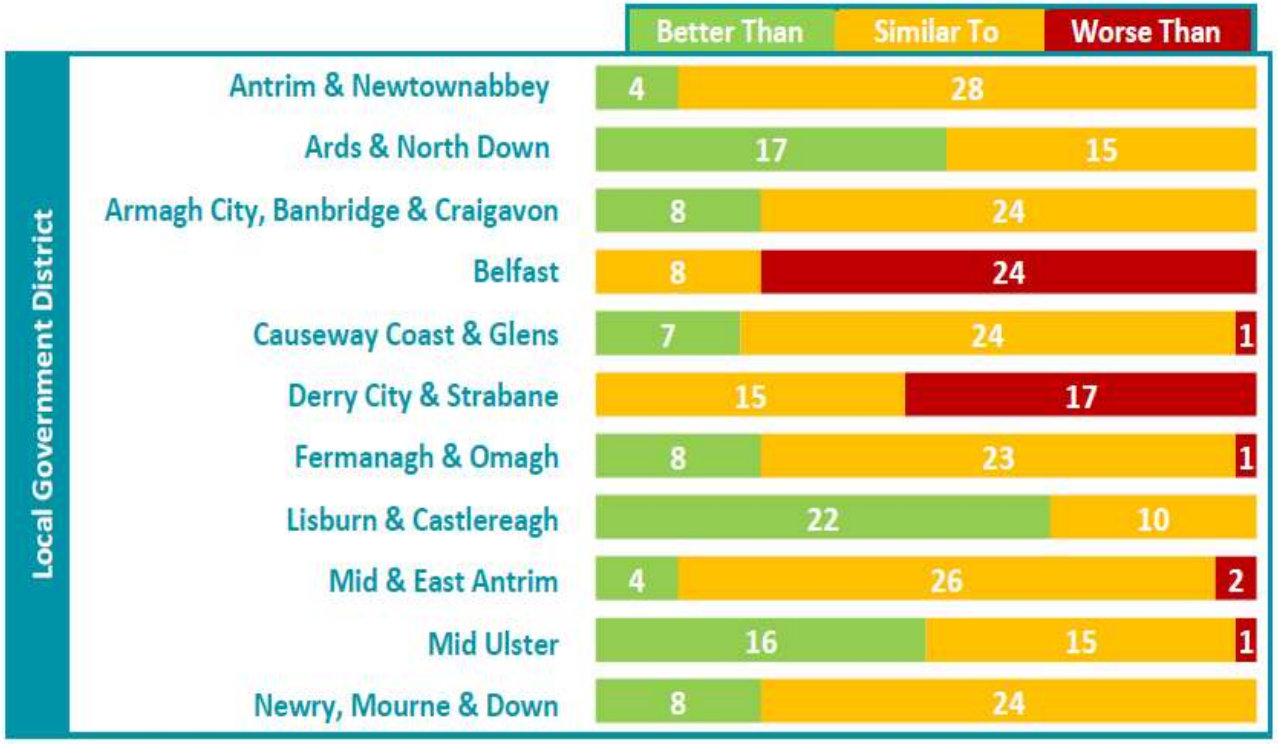
Population Health: NI Health Inequalities 2025 – N Ireland





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Population Health: A Place-Based analysis for Western AIPB (Source: PHA)

PHA selected a small number of key indicators to look at per DEA to help Western AIPB focus on which DEAs to target with a geographical approach

Traffic light coded – dark red is "bad", dark green is "good"

Number is the rank based on the 80 DEAs in NI

Indicators selected :

- Self reported health at census 2021
- Male Life Expectancy
- Potential years of Life Lost (PYLL)
- Std rate of potentially avoidable deaths
- Smoking related deaths
- Lung cancer incidence
- CHD registered patients
- Dementia registered patients
- Long term conditions in the NIMDM 2017

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Council	DEA	Good Health	Male LE	PYLL	Avoidable Deaths	Smoking Deaths	Lung cancer incidence	CHD registered patients	Dementia patients	Long term Ctds NIMDM
Fermanagh and Omagh	Enniskillen	32	39	52	51	59	62	23	5	32
	Erne East	47	22	44	49	63	67	24	19	58
	Erne North	36	42	49	27	25	24	7	21	37
	Erne West	70	69	32	20	8	34	34	33	77
	Mid Tyrone	61	54	26	31	30	35	48	21	47
	Omagh	9	12	69	65	65	64	48	12	11
	West Tyrone	58	64	16	35	18	30	44	73	52

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Derry city and Strabane	Ballyarnett	18	22	66	68	72	68	76	51	7
	Derg	10	32	32	29	68	20	56	17	10
	Faughan	48	54	16	20	51	44	73	16	44
	Foyleside	8	8	73	69	69	71	66	23	8
	Sperrin	19	48	32	47	55	56	52	25	19
	The Moor	4	1	77	78	78	79	69	38	4
	Waterside	25	22	58	63	66	65	64	31	17

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Fermanagh & West Tyrone: Health and Care Futures - Visioning approach

Teresa Molloy, Director - Planning, Performance & Corporate Services

PMO Work & Next Steps:

- Early external Stakeholder Engagement
- Staff Engagement
- Communications and PR Campaign

Underway → Formulating, testing and agreeing a new Narrative

Communications to political, media and other stakeholders. → Staff engagement and welfare

Testing & Delivering the Narrative internally

- Getting ready for Community Engagement
- Design and Planning for a Vision Plan for Fermanagh and West Tyrone Health and Care Futures

Planning → Developing and engaging on an agreed visioning process and approach → Agreeing/Launching the 'reset' engagement and involvement approach

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Fermanagh & West Tyrone: Health and Care Futures - Visioning approach

- **Outcome: A sequence of steps towards development of a vision plan**
  - Development of a Vision for Fermanagh and West Tyrone as a "People and Place" with SWAH integral to that work
- **Important dependencies:**
  - Identification of population health needs and future projections
  - Consideration of primary care and community care interfaces
  - Research evidence on the role of rural hospitals
  - DoH policy developments on Neighbourhood Model
  - Enhanced public engagement & involvement
- **Leadership:** Dedicated PMO to support the work on the Vision Plan with Service and SME support.
- **Timing:** Dependent on the approach and process - a careful and staged approach with high levels of engagement throughout.

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HOSPITAL: Recent Investments in Fermanagh/West Tyrone area

Elective Care Framework

Service	Additional Capacity	Investment
Endoscopy	**16.5 sessions:** 2022/23: 10 regional sessions Omagh 2025/26: 6.5 sessions SWAH	£2.58m
Imaging – MRI / CT	2025/25: **12 sessions** (21 commissioned in total): MRI – 2 Sessions CT – 10 Sessions	£1.81m (total for 21 sessions)
Gynae	2025/26: **Additional Consultant** SWAH: 2 Outpatient Sessions 2 Inpatient Theatre Sessions 1 Day Case Theatre Session	£400k
General Surgery	2025/26: Negotiations underway for new investment in elective sessions in all WT hospitals	£1.1m
GS/ Urology	2022/23: **7 regional sessions**	£1.34m

Unscheduled Care

Service	Additional Capacity	Investment
Same Day Emergency Care	NMS 2023/24: **4 additional assessment bays** SWAH Emergency Care	£1.062m
Intermediate Care	Growth funding 2024/25: **4 additional intermediate care beds**, Omagh Hospital	£512k
Emergency Department	USC growth funding 2025/26: **Pharmacy support**, SWAH	£44k

Total – Hospitals Recent Investments:

- Elective Care Framework: £7.4 million +
- Unscheduled Care: £1.6 million

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COMMUNITY: Recent Investments in Fermanagh/West Tyrone area

Community Investments

Service	Additional Capacity	Investment
Home Care Transitions Team (Growth funding 2024/25)	Increased home care /reablement capacity in the greater Fermanagh area	£315k
Nursing Home Capacity (Growth funding 2024/25)	21 additional general nursing beds: • 13 in Omagh • 8 in Castlederg	£1.157m
GP Multi-Disciplinary Teams (2025/26)	Trust staff: lead physiotherapist and 4 physio practitioners. Allocation of staff to practices being agreed with Federation.	£449k

Totals – Community Recent Investments: £1.6 million

Keeping GP Surgeries Open in Tyrone and Fermanagh

The Western Trust has intervened and taken action to support 3 GP practices in Fermanagh and West Tyrone that were at risk of closing and patients being dispersed to other GP Practices.

Almost 22,000 patients in this area would have dispersed to other GP Practices, meaning no local GP Practice access for those patients, if the Trust hadn't stepped in.

Questions

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- Thank you for the opportunity to present today to FODC Community Planning Strategic Partnership Board.
- Health is influenced by many things and today is a good opportunity to engage with partners as we consider how the wider determinants of health will contribute to any visioning process.
- The Trust is providing all information to Staff and the public on all elements discussed today and will be providing features and information on many aspects of the Trust services in the months ahead.
- This will include printed information to the pubic for those unable to access online sources.
- Detailed information can be found on the Online Information Hub also on the Western Trust official Website.

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