

# Beyond buildings: How spatial planning shapes health



**Date: Friday 5 June 2015**

**Venue: The Hub @ MAC, St Anne's Square, Belfast**

Community planning is creating a new framework for public services across Northern Ireland. For the first time, there is now also a requirement for public service provision to align with physical development; community plans are in law required to link to the land use plan for the area, known as the Local Development Plan. This opens up important new possibilities for creating environments that support health and wellbeing, using existing evidence and piloting new approaches.

This seminar provides an introduction to the public health impacts of planning, including the shared historical origins of public health and planning. It will share key evidence of how the built environment can support health and contribute to tackling inequalities. There will also be an opportunity to explore the concrete local health issues and how they link to spatial planning.

## Agenda

- 12.00      **Lunch and registration**
- 12.30      **Welcome**  
*Dr Michael McBride, Chief Medical Officer and Chief Executive, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust*
- 12.35      **Public health and spatial planning – a shared history**  
*Dr Gerry Waldron, Public Health Agency*
- 12.50      **How planning shapes our health**  
*Justine Daly, Turley*
- 13.15      **The new planning system in Northern Ireland**  
*Dermot O'Kane, Belfast City Council*
- 13.30      **Reuniting Planning and Health**  
*Discussion and exploring local issues*
- 13.50      **Close**

