

**For Your Diary**

**Long Term Conditions – Working Together**  
***Wednesday October 8<sup>th</sup>, Stormont Hotel, Belfast, 10:00 am***

The effective management of long term conditions is one of the key challenges facing our society and our health services. The Department of Health, Social Service and Public Safety and the Long Term Conditions Alliance Northern Ireland (an umbrella group including some of the main voluntary groups working with people with long term conditions) are jointly organising a conference on October 8<sup>th</sup>, with the aim of promoting greater understanding and cooperation between bodies and organisations working in this area, under the title ‘Long Term Conditions – Working Together’.

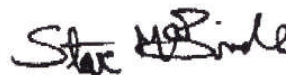
Key themes will include the involvement of patients and users in the shaping of services, the promotion of self management, and promoting better understanding and cooperation between the statutory and voluntary sectors. Keynote speakers will include Professor Jonathan Tritter, Chief Executive of the NHS Centre for Involvement, and Professor Kate Lorig of Stanford University, one of the world’s leading authorities on self management. The conference will include an exhibition area for relevant groups.

Further details of the conference will be communicated to you in due course. This letter is to provide you with early notification of the date, and to invite expressions of interest, which can be sent to:

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