

Health Minister Michael McGimpsey has announced the Chairs (Designate) of the four new HSC organisations. The appointments are as follows:-

**Dr Ian Clements** - Regional Health and Social Care Board;

**Ms Mary McMahon** - Regional Agency for Public Health and Social Well-being;

**Mr Alexander Coleman** - Regional Business Services Organisation;

**Mr John Keanie** - Patient and Client Council.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

**Dr Ian Clements MB BCh DRCOG MRCGP** lives in Newtownards where he has practised as a GP Principal for the past 27 years. Throughout his GP career, he has continually sought to improve healthcare services for patients through his involvement in the commissioning process having been appointed the Clinical Lead Commissioner in the East Local Commissioning Group at its inception; he will now be stepping down from this position. He is currently Chair of the Eastern Local Medical Committee and member of the NI General Practitioners Committee. Previous posts include Chair of the Eastern Multifund, Chair of the Eastern Health and Social Services Board GP Forum, executive committee member of both the National Association of Primary Care and NI Association for Mental Health and GP Medical Advisor to the former Ulster and Community Hospitals Trust. He holds no other public appointments and has not engaged in any political activity in the last five years.

**Mr Alexander Coleman LLB LLM**, lives in Comber. He is a partner in a firm of solicitors in Belfast, with a particular interest in town planning. He is currently a non-executive member of the Eastern Health and Social Services (HSS) Board for which he receives £5,730 per annum and has been a Lay Member of the Eastern HSS Board Independent Review Panels, reporting on non-clinical complaints. Mr Coleman was solicitor to the Department's Human Organs Enquiry and Chair of the local branch of the Royal Town Planning Institute in 2001. He has not engaged in any political activity in the last five years.

**Mr John Keanie MBA**, lives in Coleraine. Mr Keanie is a self employed business Consultant and also Company Chair of A2B (Access to Benefits for Older People). He was previously employed as Town Clerk and Chief Executive of Derry City Council. Mr Keanie is a Lay Representative on the QC Complaints Committee of the Silk Appointments Commission for which he receives £297 per day and expenses. He is currently appointed, by the Commissioner for Public Appointments, NI, to act as an independent assessor for Public Appointments to government bodies. In 1997 he was made

Freeman of the City of London for work done with "The Hon the Irish Society" in Community projects in Co Derry/Londonderry. He has not engaged in any political activity in the last five years.

**Ms Mary McMahon MSSc BA**, lives in Annsborough, Co Down. Since June 2002, she has been a self-employed Social Policy Researcher and was previously co-ordinator with the Belfast Traveller Support Group from 1996 to May 2002. Ms McMahon is currently a member of Amnesty International (Mid-Down branch), a member of the Committee on the Administration of Justice and also of UNICEF. She is a Belfast Harbour Commissioner for which she receives £10,150 per annum and a member of the Research Ethics Committee for which she receives expenses only. Ms McMahon declared that she had engaged in some political activity as Secretary of the NI Labour Forum, the NI Branch of the Labour Party.