

## **CHIEF EXECUTIVES OF NEW HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE ORGANISATIONS ANNOUNCED**

Health Minister, Michael McGimpsey has announced the appointment of the Chief Executives (Designate) who will lead the four new Health and Social Care (HSC) organisations.

They are:-

- John Compton - Regional Health and Social Care Board
- Dr Eddie Rooney – Regional Agency for Public Health and Social Well-being
- Maeve Hully – Patient and Client Council
- David Bingham – Regional Business Services Organisation.

They will each take up their appointment as soon as possible in the New Year.

The Minister said: **“I congratulate each of the new Chief Executives on their appointment and wish them every success in their new role. They each have an integral role to play in what is a very important phase for the future of health and social care.**

**“Our system faces increasing demands from a growing and ever-changing population who rightly expect services to be responsive, safe, effective and efficient. I believe the new structures will equip our service with the infrastructure needed to tackle the challenges we face, with the new Chief Executives, along with the Chairs, being central in driving forward the modernisation of health and social care.**

**“In particular, their role in helping to engage our population in their own health will be vital as we aim to improve the health and well-being of our society and offer everyone an equal chance for a healthy life.”**

**“The appointments I am announcing today are another milestone in the establishment of the new organisations.”**

1. Biographies for the new Chief Executives are as follows:-

### **John Compton – Chief Executive (designate) Regional Health and Social Care Board**

John has been Chief Executive of the South Eastern Trust from its inception in April 2006. Prior to that, he was Chief Executive of the Down Lisburn Trust from 2001. During this time at Down Lisburn, he was seconded as Chief Executive in the West of the province in the then Sperrin Lakeland Trust for over a year. He trained as a Social Worker and was educated at Queens University Belfast and the University of Ulster. He also has spent time at the Federal Executive Institute in the USA. John has three married daughters and is a keen jogger and marathon participant.

### **David Bingham – Chief Executive (designate) Regional Business Services Organisation**

David joined the Health Service as a National Administrative Trainee in 1976. He worked in Personnel before leaving for a two -year stint in the motor manufacturing industry. On his return to the Health Service he worked as Director of Human Resources in the Eastern Health and Social Services Board for 4 years. In 1993 he left to set up the Beeches Management Centre, a training, development and consultancy organisation for Trusts and Commissioners in Northern Ireland. He was appointed to his current job in the Department of Health in September 2000 as Director of HPSS Human Resources.

**Dr Eddie Rooney – Chief Executive (designate) Regional Agency for Public Health and Social Well-being.**

Dr Eddie Rooney joined the Northern Ireland Civil Service in 1985 as a statistician/social researcher in the Department of Education. In 1994, he moved to the Department of Health and Social Services to head Health Promotion Policy Branch and was secretary to the Ministerial Group in Public Health. On appointment to the Senior Civil Service, he was posted to the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure as head of policy and research in the newly formed Department. In 2003, he was appointed Deputy Secretary in the Department of Education where his responsibilities included leading policy on the Review of Public Administration. Dr Rooney has extensive experience in working on inter-departmental policy and chaired the Fit Futures taskforce on childhood obesity which reported in 2007. He transferred to the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister as Equality Director in 2008.

**Maeve Hully - Chief Executive (designate) Patient and Client Council**

Maeve Hully has been working for Marie Curie Cancer Care since 1993. Since 2006 she has had a national role within the Charity for Patient Advocacy which has shaped the way the organisation engages and involves patients and families in service planning and delivery. Maeve is a Registered Nurse with over 15 years experience working in palliative care. Prior to her current position Maeve worked as a Health Visitor and a Community Paediatric Nurse.