

The Painful Truth

2016 SIP Symposium 'Time for Action'

Northern Ireland

1.8 M people

An estimated 400,000 living with long term pain





- 2005

- Department of Health recognised chronic pain as an *entity in its own right*

- 2012

- Minister for Health, Social Services and Public Safety
‘Chronic pain is a long term condition’


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Patient focused support for chronic pain

Patient and Client Council

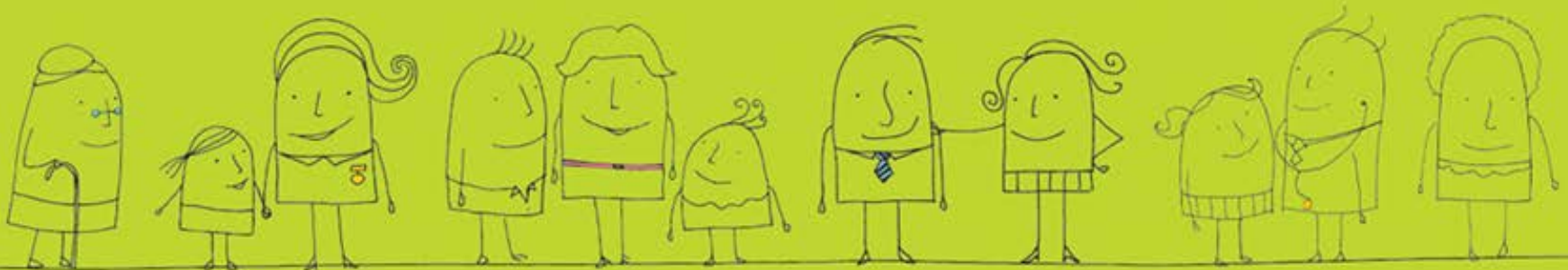
Your voice in health and social care

The Painful Truth: 2,500 people who live with chronic pain tell their story

10 recommendations to the Minister - 7 accepted fully or in part

Long term pain services scoped across primary and secondary care

If 95% of sufferers could be managed in the community, specialist services would still need to be doubled



2015

Pain Forum established jointly by the Health and Social Care Board and the Public Health Agency

All stakeholders represented

At the behest of the NI Assembly Health Committee we have developed a Five Year Plan for service improvement

A Commissioning Specification has been produced for the Health and Social Care Board

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