# The Northern Ireland Confederation for Health & Social Care

**Background Information and Application Form**

Associate Membership Scheme

***Connecting you with Northern Ireland’s Health and Social Care system***

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**Who we are**

The Northern Ireland Confederation for Health and Social Care (NICON) is the representative body for the organisations that make up the HSC. We are part of the NHS Confederation, the body which represents NHS organisations in England and Wales. In addition to our HSC core members, we have an associate membership scheme for organisations who work closely with the HSC to provide an opportunity for connection and communication across the system. The work of NICON is overseen by a Management Committee, comprising HSC Chairs, Chief Executives and Directors.

**Our Vision and Mission**

Our vision is a continually improving health and social care services that are available to all and based on clinical need not an individual’s ability to pay.

Our mission is therefore to improve health and well-being by supporting our members provide world class standards of care for patients and users while delivering best value for taxpayers’ money.

**How we do it**

## Influencing Through constant dialogue with key stakeholders, we ensure that members' views are informed and taken into account.

* Informing Providing accurate and timely information through policy briefings and regular monitoring updates, keeping members on top of latest developments both within Northern Ireland and in the wider NHS.

### Connecting and Learning Via a series of topical events each year to provide an opportunity for networking and discussion. Our flagship event is the NICON annual conference when we bring together over 600 key stakeholders.

**Our Core Values**

All of our work is underpinned by our core values:

* listening and responding to the needs of our members
* working in partnership to create dialogue and build consensus
* acting in the interests of patients and the public

**Who we work with**

We work in partnership with a wide range of organisations that represent health professionals, patients, their families and carers, NHS suppliers, local government and the wider health and social care industry. A list of our current membership can be found in Annex A below.

## Associate Membership Scheme

## Our Associate Membership scheme is designed to help the HSC and the wider health and social care community benefit from improved understanding of each other. Associate Membership of the Confederation is open to a range of health and social care related organisations, whether in the public, voluntary or commercial sector. NICON provides a unique forum in which colleagues from across these sectors can meet and learn together.

**Associate Member Benefits**

The key benefits of being an associate member include:

* Regular Member briefings covering:
  + Political monitoring (Ministerial and Health Committee updates; Assembly questions; and relevant legislation); Northern Ireland media updates relevant to the HSC (including Departmental press releases); and NHS Confederation member updates
* Free attendance at NICON Discussion sessions (6-10 per year considering topical issues) and a variety of NHS Confederation member events
* Priority involvement in the NICON annual conference and reduced attendance rates
* Opportunities to sponsor Confederation activities or work in partnership on key events
* Access to our website which includes all NHS Confederation publications
* Access to support, information and signposting from the NICON colleagues to the HSC system, other regional networks and to NHS Confederation Group.

**Becoming a member:**

Membership of the NICON is by organisation or via individual membership.

To become a member, please complete the attached application form below or contact Vicky Lisk on [Vicky.lisk@niconfedhss.org](mailto:Vicky.lisk@niconfedhss.org)

Approval of your membership request will remain at the discretion of the Northern Ireland Confederation.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBER APPLICATION FORM**

**A: FEES**

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| **NICON Associate Membership Fee** | 2024-2025 | Please indicate relevant category |
| **Commercial** (31+ Employees/Members) | £1,500 |  |
| **Commercial** (Less than 30 Employees/Members) | £750 |  |
| **Not for Profit Body** (6+ staff) | £500 |  |
| **Small Not for Profit Body** (0 - 5 staff) | £250 |  |
| **Individual** (Single membership) | £100 |  |

**B: APPLICANT DETAILS**

**Organisation Name:** .....................................................................................................................

**Organisation Address:** .....................................................................................................................

**Key contact information**

Please provide the contact information of up to 8 key contacts from your organisation (or one contact for individual membership). These individuals will receive monitoring information and notification of our upcoming events.

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| **Name:**  **Job role:**  **Address:**  **Email:**  **Telephone:** | **1** | **2** |
| **Name:**  **Job role:**  **Address:**  **Email:**  **Telephone:** | **3** | **4** |
| **Name:**  **Job role:**  **Address:**  **Email:**  **Telephone:** | **5** | **6** |
| **Name:**  **Job role:**  **Address:**  **Email:**  **Telephone:** | **7** | **8** |

Yours and your colleagues’ names, titles, organisation, address and telephone numbers will be entered into our database in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018.

The Confederation may from time to time wish to share your information with other organisations. Please tick this box to confirm that you are happy for us to do so.

**I confirm that I/we wish to join as a NICON Associate Member.**

**Signed**......................................................................................

**Date**............................................

**Please return the completed form to:**

Vicky Lisk

Member Services Officer

HSC Leadership Centre

12 Hampton Manor Drive

Belfast

BT7 3EN

Email: [Vicky.lisk@niconfedhss.org](mailto:Vicky.lisk@niconfedhss.org)

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| **NICON Membership Overview 2024** | | |
| **HSC Members (18)** | | |
| **Commissioners (2)** | Public Health Agency (PHA)  Strategic Planning and Performance Group (SPPG) | |
| **Providers (6)** | Belfast HSC Trust  Northern HSC Trust  Southern HSC Trust  South Eastern HSC Trust  Western HSC Trust  NI Ambulance Service HSC Trust (NIAS) | |
| **Other Agencies (10)** | Business Services Organisation (BSO)  NI Blood Transfusion Service (NIBTS)  The Children's Court Guardian Agency for Northern Ireland (CCGANI)  NI Medical and Dental Training Agency (NIMDTA)  NI Practice and Education Council (NIPEC)  NI Social Care Council (NISCC)  Patient & Client Council (PCC)  Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority (RQIA)  Safeguarding Board NI (SBNI)  NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS) | |
| **Associate Members** | | |
| **Commercial**   1. BT 2. Novartis 3. Pfizer 4. Teva | **Third Sector/Other**   1. Age NI 2. Alzheimer’s Society 3. Belfast Healthy Cities 4. British Heart Foundation 5. British Red Cross NI 6. Diabetes UK 7. Inspire 8. Macmillan Cancer 9. Marie Curie 10. My Home Life NI 11. NI Chest, Heart & Stroke 12. Positive Futures 13. Resolute PA 14. The Cedar Foundation 15. The Gaitway Organisation 16. The Stroke Association (NI) | **Representative Bodies**   1. British Association of Social Workers NI (BASW NI) 2. British Dental Association (BDA) 3. British Medical Association (BMA) 4. Community Pharmacy NI 5. General Medical Council (GMC) 6. Healthy Living Centre Alliance 7. Institute of Public Health in Ireland 8. Northern GP Federation Support Unit 9. Pharmaceutical Society NI 10. Royal College of GPs 11. Royal College of Occupational Therapists 12. Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health 13. Royal College of Podiatry 14. Royal College of Speech & Language Therapists 15. Royal College of Surgeons 16. Co3\* 17. European Connected Health Alliance\* 18. NICE\* 19. NI Healthcare Leadership Forum\* 20. HIRANI\* |