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## Service Development and Screening

The screenshot shows the cover of 'The AAA Team' newsletter, Issue 13, produced by the Northern Ireland AAA Screening Programme for HSC Professionals in Summer 2018. The main headline is 'AAA Screening – 2018 Service User Event'. The content includes a report on the sixth Service User Event held on Thursday 20th April in Belfast Central Mission's Grosvenor Hall, attended by over 70 participants. It mentions that more than 50 were service users. The event was facilitated by Programme Team members, including staff from the Public Health Agency and the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust. A photograph shows Programme Team members at the event. The text continues with a welcome from Mr Andrew Dougal, Chair of the Board of the PHA, and Dr Stephen Bergin, Public Health Lead for the programme. It notes that the size of a man's screen-detected AAA is now contained in his results letter. Participants are encouraged to share their experiences. The newsletter concludes with a thank you to service users and contact information for further details and screening appointments.

**The AAA Team**  
Newsletter of the Northern Ireland AAA Screening Programme

Issue 13: Produced by the NI AAA Screening Programme for HSC Professionals – Summer 2018

**AAA Screening – 2018 Service User Event**

The programme's sixth Service User Event took place on Thursday 20th April in Belfast Central Mission's Grosvenor Hall. As per the 2017 event, the morning workshop was very well attended with over 70 participants. More than 50 of these participants were service users, including many who have taken part in previous events. Members of the Programme Team, comprising staff from the Public Health Agency (programme commissioners) and the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust (which provides and manages the programme) facilitated the event. As in 2017, we were again delighted to welcome Mr Andrew Dougal, Chair of the Board of the PHA, who thanked service users for their continuing support, emphasising that their feedback was essential to ensuring ongoing improvements to the programme. One of the main aims of these annual events is to update attendees on efforts to enhance and further develop the programme. Dr Stephen Bergin, Public Health Lead for the programme, advised in his opening address that, as per requests from service users at last year's event, the size of a man's screen-detected AAA is now contained in his results letter. Participants at these yearly events also continue to enjoy meeting and sharing their experiences of AAA screening with both new service users and those they have met in former years. Overall, the programme continues to benefit hugely from innovative suggestions for future improvement which are generated during group discussions. AAA Screening staff at the PHA and Belfast Trust are working through the results of these discussions as part of ongoing quality and service development efforts. An update on the initiatives taken forward will be fed back to attendees at the 2019 event. As always, the entire Programme Team extend a huge thank you to service users who were able to attend the event for the valuable contribution they make to ongoing enhancements within the programme.

Programme Team members at the 2018 Service User Event

Lead Songwriter, Carole Keane with participants Cui Hughes and Angela McConal at this year's event

For further details on the event contact: Jacqueline McDevitt, Quality Assurance Manager for the NIAASP, at: [jacqueline.mcdevitt@hscni.net](mailto:jacqueline.mcdevitt@hscni.net) or on 02895 361305.

For information on AAA screening appointments contact: Sarah Louise Dorman, (Acting) Programme Manager at: [sarahlouise.dorman@belfasttrust.hscni.net](mailto:sarahlouise.dorman@belfasttrust.hscni.net) or the Programme Office on: 02890 631828.

The Northern Ireland AAA Screening Programme has been publishing a newsletter several times a year since the programme began in 2012.

The newsletter is produced specifically for GPs with a pdf and printed copies of it being sent directly to them.

It is also hoped that the breadth of information included benefits other health professionals and service users within the wider HSC who have an interest in AAA screening.

The latest versions of the newsletter are accessible via here with the Summer 2018 issue covering a particularly busy year for the programme.

As well as our annual, and increasingly popular Service User Event, the programme shared a promotional stand with other HSC screening programmes at the Balmoral

Show.

Also highlighted are updates regarding scanning equipment, results letters, staffing and programme information videos.

Issue 14 of the newsletter highlights the opportunities for promoting the programme at flu clinics and by joint-working with third sector organisations.

The importance of our Patient Representative role is similarly featured along with a summary of the 2017 Service User Event.

## Details

Target group

GPs, health professionals, service users

## Downloads

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<a href="#">20170927_AutumnNewsletter_No14_FINAL_jsmcdSBPBPKSLDSHMcC.PDF</a>	1.09 MB
<a href="#">20180801_SummerNewsletter_No15_FINAL_HMcCSLDjsmcd.pdf</a>	1.15 MB
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