



Patient Stories -the DNA of Healthcare

...Our journey in Northern Ireland







The Context













✗ The Vision

"...to **proactively** enable service users, families and carers to share their narrative/ **stories** of Health and Social Care Northern Ireland (HSCNI) through a mechanism which enables **regional analysis** and can lead to **learning and change** at all levels of the HSCNI system..."



Within the vision for NI it was important to:

- Develop a service for the people of NI to bring in new information into our HSC system
- Define Care Opinion as something different a **new approach** to feedback
- Recognise **a new challenge** to embed the approach within a performance matrix ... Quality rather than quantity

🛠 The Plan



Embedding Care Opinion into culture as a primary mechanisms for sharing feedback

The Impact



- Captures and celebrates unique perspectives
- Builds relationships and supports trust
- Generates understanding and empathy
- Evokes emotion and creates memories
- Powerful way to communicate or generate ideas



- Focus upon learning ... not performing
- Agreed vision & underpinning principles
- Championing Implementation at every level



"...Hear the patient voice at every level – even when that voice is a whisper..."

-Professor Don Berwick, August 2013