

1 September 2014

Dear Member,

**Re: Invite to the Annual General Meeting & Members' Conference**

We are writing to invite you to this year's Annual General Meeting & Members' Conference which is being held at The Park Avenue Hotel, 158 Holywood Road, Belfast BT4 1PB on Saturday 18 October. Due to limited availability at the Park Avenue Hotel, we're providing you with details of other nearby hotels so you may book accommodation direct: Premier Inn Belfast City Titanic Quarter and the Premier Inn Belfast City Cathedral Quarter. Full details will be available on the website from 1 September.

The AGM at the beginning of the day will provide Members with an opportunity to hear from the Chair, Treasurer and Chief Executive on the Sands vision, priorities and strategy over the next 3 years, together with a progress update of Sands work during the last year.

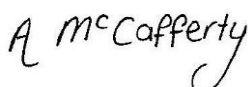
The theme of this year's Members' Conference is *Working Together* and we are pleased to welcome guest speakers Dr Catherine Calderwood: National Clinical Director for Maternity & Women's Health, NHS England and Mr Edwin Poots: Minister for Health, Social Services & Public Safety – Northern Ireland. The afternoon programme will include an opportunity to participate in workshops on a number of subjects including: Groups & Networks, Improving Bereavement Care, Research, Fundraising and Bereavement Support Services.

I have pleasure in enclosing a booking form. Please return this form by no later than **5pm Friday 10 October 2014** either by post to: **Sands AGM, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 28 Portland Place, London, W1B 1LY** or email: [agm@uk-sands.org](mailto:agm@uk-sands.org). Alternatively you can book your place for the AGM & Members' Conference on-line by visiting <http://www.uk-sands.org/about-us/membership/book-agm-place>.

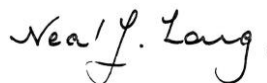
Members will receive Official Notice of the AGM and accompanying papers (including proxy papers for Members who wish to vote but are unable to attend the AGM) in due course.

We look forward to hearing from you and to welcoming you to this year's AGM and Members' Conference.

Yours sincerely



**Angela McCafferty**  
Chair, Board of Trustees



**Neal Long**  
Chief Executive