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AGENDA FOR THE MEETING

OF THE

REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM DUBLIN MID LEINSTER

Venue: The Boardroom, Health Service Executive Office, Arden Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly.

Date: Tuesday, 19th February, 2019 at 2:30pm

1. Adoption of minutes of meeting of the Regional Health Forum - Dublin Mid Leinster held on Tuesday, 20th November, 2018
(attached)
2. Health Service Executive Updates
(to be circulated at meeting)
3. Presentation on Primary Care Reimbursement Service (PCRS), the medical card application process and the Medical Card Online system.
(to be circulated at meeting)
4. Motions

That the HSE reports on the number and percentage of accident and emergency cases at each hospital with an A&E unit within its region that involved alcohol (and drug) consumption in the most recent available 12 month period and investigates through requests to central government if necessary the possibility of:

a) segregated waiting rooms to enable sober patients, often elderly people and others left sitting for hours to be able to wait in peace and sometimes in pain without being disturbed by people pestering, abusing and vomiting on them;

b) penalties for those not clearly diagnosed with mental health issues, or alcoholism for taking up and often wasting the extremely busy time of hardworking frontline staff, by their selfishness and lack of consideration, including increased fees, fines, deductions from welfare or income tax and anything else that may help modify behaviour; alongside alerts to GPs and co-ordinated treatment plans for repeat offenders who may have real issues as yet undiagnosed; and if a statement can be made on the matter.

Cllr Paul Gogarty

That the Manager presents a report on the possible use of St. Brigid's Nursing Home, Crooksling as a hospice facility to help relieve the pressure caused by the lack of hospice care beds nationally, but also within the DML area.

*Cllr Deirdre O'Donovan
Cllr. Gerry O'Neill*

Recognising that Rathmines has a high elderly population and which will increase considerably when the "step down" accommodation is built on the Gulistan Site next to the proposed Primary Care Centre. Concerned that older people in Rathmines are deprived of day centre services, recognising that the best location for this service would be in the Primary Care Centre.

It is agreed that the HSE and DCC prepare a partnership brief for a multi purpose functional space of around 120 sq mt with Fire Safety and Disability access cert that would serve as a Day Centre and community meeting space/Lecture hall at night and weekends, similar to Fr Kitt Court in Crumlin. It is agreed that both the HSE and DCC would jointly fund the cost of construction and have common use of the space

Cllr. Mary Freehill

In view of the reported substantial increase in Crack Cocaine in the Tallaght area and acknowledging the work of three Tallaght Projects, JADD, New Hope and CARP, who have operated a pilot Crack Cocaine response programme, over the past six months, targeting, women, families and young men in residential treatment, through once off funding from Tallaght Drugs and Alcohol Task Force, that this Regional Health Forum calls on the HSE to provide funding, through the Addiction Services Budget, to allow these Projects to continue with this important work.

Cllr Mick Duff & Cllr Charlie O'Connor

That this Regional Health Forum calls on the HSE to advise their property management at St Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown, to co-operate with Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council in the construction of a Greenway.

The council wishes to construct a greenway from the Brides Glen Luas stop in Cherrywood to Shankill via St Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown. This development will greatly improve the possibilities for walking and cycling for staff and patients and visitors to the hospital. This would help meet the aims of the National Physical Activity Plan for Ireland, "Get Ireland Active!". It will improve public health and the amenity value of the hospital itself.

For the project to proceed, co-operation is sought from the property management authorities in agreeing a suitable route for a pathway across the hospital's grounds.

Cllr Ossian Smyth & Cllr Carrie Smyth

5. Questions

To ask the Manager to state how many current vacancies exist in Physiotherapy and Community Nursing sections in CHO6?

Cllr. Cormac Devlin

To ask the HSE for details on the new 24/7 GP service for the South Dublin & North Wicklow region giving a start date, contact details and charges for this service?

Cllr. Cormac Devlin

Can this Dublin-Mid Leinster Regional Health Forum give a detail update of all the acute hospitals that are under its responsibility covering such areas as:

1. Conditions of built infrastructure (covering such matters as poor ventilation, sub standard windows and doors causing condensation, dampness, lack of adequate car-parking, etc.).
2. Conditions of diagnostic monitoring and treatment equipment in these hospitals including projected lifespan of same.
3. Details of pending applications from these hospitals for improvements to existing built infrastructure and such medical equipment including estimate costs.
4. Details of pending applications from our hospitals for extensions and extra facilities including estimate costs.
5. Status of these applications.

Cllr. Frankie Keena

To ask for an updated report on plans for further developments at Tallaght University Hospital giving specific details in respect of the following planned projects:

- The new Renal Unit
- The extra 72 beds
- The extension to the Intensive Care Unit

May we have full report.

Cllr. Charlie O'Connor

To ask for a report on activity in the ED at Tallaght University Hospital since December 2018 confirming the trolley count in respect of the period and also detailing what actions were taken, and are still in place to deal with the pressure and may we have a statement.

Cllr. Charlie O'Connor

To ask for a progress report on the community Radiology Centre at Tallaght Cross.

Cllr. Charlie O'Connor

Could the HSE inform this Forum about the handover to the HSE of the Tymon North Community Nursing Home, by the Contractor and advise if a delay, if any, is expected. Could they also confirm if the enhancement works around the 168th Scouting Ireland Den, including new fencing, new entrance, leveling and grading and the provision of a link to the local gas network will be carried out as promised and agreed in 2017 and that this work will be finished before the handover, by the Contractor.

Cllr Mike Duff

Could the HSE advise if there is any impediment, imposed by the Hospital Management, preventing the Volunteer Cafe in Tallaght Hospital providing light snacks such as sandwiches etc., as part of their service to people attending the Hospital.

Cllr Mike Duff

6. Chairperson's Correspondence

7. Date and Time of next meetings:-

- Committee: Tuesday, 19th March, 2019 at 2:30pm;
- Forum: Tuesday, 16th April, 2019 at 2:30pm.

Eddie Fitzpatrick

Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick
Chairperson.