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**AGENDA FOR THE MEETING  
OF THE  
REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM DUBLIN MID LEINSTER  
AGM**

**Venue:** Boardroom, HSE Area Office, Tullamore, Co Offaly

**Date:** Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> of July at 2.00pm – 4pm

1. Election of Chairperson
2. Election of Vice Chairperson
3. Adoption of minutes of meeting of the Regional Health Forum - Dublin Mid Leinster held on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022 (attached)
4. Health Service Executive Updates
5. Presentation by Lorraine Madden Manager, Nursing Home Support Scheme, Naas on Fair Deal
6. Motions

Motion Number	Proposed by	Motion	Responded by
1	Cllr Peggy O' Dwyer	Can the HSE provide updated information around the recent 71 million not able to be validated as reported in the Sunday Business Post	HSE Press Office
2	Cllr Teresa Costello	To write to the minister for health to request Cariban ( a widely used medication in the treatment of severe morning sickness) be made available on Drugs Payment Scheme	Linda Fitzharris, Chief II Pharmacist, Pharmacy Function, HSE Primary Care Eligibility & Reimbursement Service
3	Cllr Mark Leigh	That the HSE engage with Kildare County Council about the dangerous sightlines exiting the new Primary Care Centre in Athy	Gillian Farrelly, Interim Head of Service Primary Care, CHO7
4	Cllr. Hazel Smyth	That the HSE call for the immediate publication of the Action Plan for the Disability Capacity Review, and its inclusion in the budgetary plan for 2023 to ensure another year does not pass with families and individuals left without any indication of when or how the urgent needs they are experiencing will be met.	Adam Fleming, Executive Officer, Disability Services Unit, Department of Health

5	Cllr Charlie O'Connor	That this Regional Health Forum - Dublin Mid Leinster - calls for action on the waiting lists at Tallaght University Hospital; may we have details and assurances in the matter and a statement for discussion.	Dublin Midlands Hospital Group
6	Cllr Vincent Jackson	Can management please give me a full explanation on why the CAMHS facility at Cherry-Orchard Hospital seem to be under threat of Closure on an almost annual basis. Dublin West / South West has very high levels of mental health issues closing / curtailing services that are already stretched put lives at risk. I am asking that we get a guarantee this issue will never ha[[en again going forward.	CHO7 Mental Health
7	Cllr Mary Freehill	<p>About 2 years ago i got agreement from this forum that “The Pathways to Domiciliary Care for older people” would be provided. We are still awaiting this information, families whose loved one is ageing and has acquired a disabling condition currently cannot get a clear pathway of support and Care Services that will be provided by the HSE. This is a source of great distress for people who are facing this challenge without any prior experience of caring and it generally happens in their senior years. At very least clients need to know what type and level of support they will get.</p> <p>Furthermore would the Executive state the difference of service to a full medical card holder and a person with GP only card.</p> <p>This meeting agrees that this motion is forwarded to the CEO of the HSE to ask for clarity of service provision. Also to inform us the members of what research is being carried out by HSE or in conjunction I with any Body on the future of Domisciliary care for older people”</p>	<p>Janette Dwyer, Assistant National Director, Services for Older People, Change &amp; Innovation, HSE Community Services</p> <p>Shaun Flanagan Assistant National Director, Primary Care Reimbursement</p> <p>Older Persons Services CHO6/CHO7 and CHO8</p>
8	Cllr. Thomasina Connell, Cllr Pascal McEvoy & Cllr. Padraig Fleming.	“That the HSE fund the construction of a new permanent three-sided block wall at the Memorial Garden adjacent to St. Fintan’s Hospital, Stradbally Road, Portlaoise, Co. Laois which was the former burial ground for the men & women from Counties Laois, Longford, Offaly & Westmeath who died at the Mental Hospital from 1832 – 1898 as the wooden fence erected many years ago has become dilapidated and broken down.”	Response from HSE Estates Office
9	Cllr Thomasina Connell	“That the HSE set out their proposals in relation to reducing the current lengthy waiting lists for CAHMS and Psychological Assessments for children in Co. Laois.	Dervila Eyres, Head of Service Mental Health, Midlands Louth Meath/ CHO8
10	Cllr Vanessa Liston and Cllr Peter Hamilton	That this Forum expresses its thanks and appreciation to Mr. Paul Reid for his leadership and service as Chief Executive of the HSE throughout the pandemic crisis.	PJ Reilly/ Joe Ruane

## 7. Questions

Question Number	Proposed by	Question	Responded by
1	Cllr Teresa Costello	To ask what delays or difficulties or funding are currently being experienced in St James Hospital with regards Prophylactic Mastectomies are they still being carried out and what is the waiting time?	Dublin Midlands Hospital Group
2	Cllr Teresa Costello	To ask how many addiction treatment centres are located in Ireland by county and from the time someone looks for help with their addiction how long is it before they are allocated a place on a programme.	Response awaiting from National Primary Care
3	Cllr Teresa Costello	To ask what are the top ten most prescribed medications that are not covered on Drugs Payment Scheme and how much do they cost?	Shaun Flanagan, Assistant National Director, HSE Primary Care Reimbursement Service
4	Cllr Mark Leigh	Can the HSE confirm if there has been any increase on the occupational pension for former Health Board staff over the last ten years, if there is an increase due and that management confirm the up to date position with such pensions?	<b>Anne Marie Hoey, National Director of Human Resources, HSE</b>
5	Cllr Mark Leigh	Can the HSE confirm if the Mother and Babies cemetery (St Mary's) ownership has been transferred to Kildare County Council?	Mary O'Kelly, Chief Officer, HSE Dublin South, Kildare & West Wicklow Community Healthcare/ CHO7
6	Cllr. Hazel Smyth	Please provide an update on the plans for the St. Lomans campus (former psychiatric hospital) in Mullingar.	Des O'Flynn Chief Officer, Community Health Organisation, Midlands Louth Meath
7	Cllr Charlie O'Connor	To ask for an update on contacts with Stephen Donnelly TD Minister for Health with regard to the future of the site of the former Nursing Home at Crooksling and may we have a detailed statement on the matter?	Mary O'Kelly, Chief Officer, HSE Dublin South, Kildare & West Wicklow Community Healthcare/ CHO7
8	Cllr Charlie O'Connor	To ask for confirmation of Covid figures for the past two months in Tallaght and if the situation has put any further pressure on Tallaght University Hospital and may we have a full statement?	Community Care CHO7/ Tallaght University Hospital
9	Cllr Charlie O'Connor	To ask what services are being offered at Jobstown Health Centre in Tallaght and may we have a statement?	Gillian Farrelly, Interim Head of Service Primary Care, CHO7

10	Cllr Peggy O'Dwyer	In light of the planned scalling back of Testing and Vaccination Center's what measures are been put in place to replace this service.	CHO6, 7 and 8
11	Cllr Vincent Jackson	That The HSE please give an update on what plans we have for the remainder of the publicity owner lands at Cherry Orchard Hospital I have seen the site greatly diminish over the past few years with sales of the various lands to Dublin City Council. 2	Mary O'Kelly, Chief Officer, HSE Dublin South, Kildare & West Wicklow Community Healthcare/ CHO7
12	Cllr Vincent Jackson	That the HSE service for pest control be fully explained to me, I regularly get lots of mixed messages in relation to this issue fron members of the public in relation to what service is offered	HSE Environmental Health
13	Cllr. Justin Moylan	To ask if there is a difference in payments or earnings to students studying for a doctorate in psychology based on the field of psychology they are studying such as Clinical Psychology, Educational Psychology or Counselling Psychology and if there is why that is the case?	Jackie Reed National Lead, Health & Social Care Professions
14	Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick	Health Care workers who provided services during Covid 19 through the HSE or Agencies services were to receive 1,000 euro but to date some of these workers have not received any remuneration for the quality service they provided during this period. Can the HSE ensure all payments will be made to all outstanding health care providers.	National HR
15	Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick	I am seeking an update on services in the A&E Department at Midland Hospital Tullamore regarding waiting times especially for elderly people attending the A&E	Dublin Midlands Hospital Group
16	Cllr Peggy O'Dwyer	Has the Palliative Care Medical Social Worker post been advertised for St Brigid's Hospice The Curragh?	Gillian Farrelly, Interim Head of Service Primary Care, CHO7
17	Cllr Thomasina Connell	In relation to the recent announcement that two vacancies for staff in the Portlaoise Diabetes Service will be filled, can the HSE set out clear timelines as to when it expected to fill those positions and how the diabetes Service for the community in Co. Laois will improve for the better once these positions are filled.	Martina O Byrne, Head of HR, Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation
18	Cllr Vanessa Liston	What is the current status of emerging Covid variants and what is their prevalence in Ireland?	HSE Communications
19	Cllr Vanessa Liston	Could the HSE outline the ways in which building regulations need to be updated to meet 'Health in All Policies' as recommended by the World Health Organization, to prevent inadvertent adverse health impacts, and to take consideration of public health advice.	Paul Flood, Asst National Director, HSE Capital and Estates Office

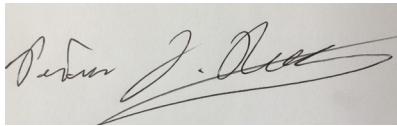
20	Cllr Peter Hamilton	Given that there are more than 800 WTE staff in Naas General Hospital, how many staff Health and Safety representatives, whose role is defined under the Health and Safety at Work act 2005, are fully trained in Naas General Hospital, and how many staff health and safety representatives have received full training in the last three years?	Trevor O'Callaghan, CEO Dublin Midlands Hospital Group
21	Cllr Peter Hamilton	How often has the Staff Health and Safety committee in Naas General Hospital, whose membership composition, role and meeting schedule are defined in the Health & Safety at work act 2005, met in the last three years and have minutes of those meetings been made available to relevant staff?	Trevor O'Callaghan, CEO Dublin Midlands Hospital Group

8. AOB

9. Chairperson's Correspondence - Nil

10. Date and Time of next meeting:- 20<sup>th</sup> of September at 2pm

- Committee: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> of October at 2.00pm
- Forum: Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00pm.



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**Cllr. PJ Reilly**  
**Chairperson**

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