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

Venue: Bridge House Tullamore Co Offaly
Date: Tuesday, 21st September, 2021 at 2pm – 4pm

1. Adoption of minutes of meeting of the Regional Health Forum - Dublin Mid Leinster Joint Committee held on Tuesday, 21st September, 2021 (attached)
2. Health Service Executive Updates
3. Presentation on Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder among Children and Youth by Dr Mary T O'Mahony (Specialist in Public Health Medicine)
4. Motions

Motion Number	Proposed by	Motion	Responded by
1	Cllr Frankie Keena	That this DML Health forum give a full update on the status of the proposed 50 bed CNU development for Athlone and explain the reasons for the delay in starting construction. Also explain how HIQA's concerns with the existing old residential building can be addressed in the short term.	Des O'Flynn, Chief Officer, CHO8
2	Cllr Charlie O'Connor	That this Regional Health Forum calls for a report on the development of the proposed Urgent Care Centre at Tallaght University Hospital, including details of all services to be provided, and may we have confirmation of the schedule now being followed and have a full statement for discussion?	Children's Health Ireland
		That this forum acknowledge the	Anne O'Shea,

3	Cllr Máire Devine	disproportionate negative effects the pandemic has had on children with additional needs who have experienced significant regression due to the hiatus in services that were already under strain. We call on the HSE to immediately ensure that the Early Intervention Programme is available (at full strength) in CHO7, in particular at the Inchicore Medical Centre where the programme has ceased for several months. No Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language therapy or Psychology Service is available for children in this location resulting in lost essential childhood development stages that cannot be regained	Chief Officer, CHO7
4	Cllr Ross, Cllr Brady, Cllr Reilly	"St Josephs Campus Longford in conjunction with St Michaels had previously been identified as the site for an regional acute brain injury unit , We would like a update on the progress of this and an estimate on what this project will cost and a commitment from the Minister for Health to provide the funds for this essential project ."	Des O'Flynn, Chief Officer, CHO8
5	Cllr Peggy O Dwyer	Can the HSE review the present arrangement with Milk Bank in Northern Ireland who supply donor breast milk to hospitals in the South on a part time service.	Laura McHugh National Breastfeeding Co-ordinator
6	Cllr Deirdre Donovan	That the Manager reports on the number of complaints received in relation to the private company Connected Health, as many families relying on home help hours have been let down by staff not turning up.	Martina Queally, CHO6
7	Cllr Vanessa Liston	That a response is provided to my query from March 2021 related to the disparity in availability of vaccines in the early stages of the roll-out programme specifically, <i>what was the rationale and decision-making process by which the HSE distributed vaccines to GPs in the context of a short supply.</i>	Geraldine Crowley, Assistant National Director, PCSP
8	Cllr Vincent Jackson	That this body communicates our deep appreciation to all working in the front-line services over the past 18 months both paid and volunteers as Ireland faced one of the most difficult public health issues in the nation's history. We are aware some staff gave the ultimate sacrifice in supporting the national effort their families and communities need to know we are eternally grateful for all their efforts.	Anne O'Shea, Chief Officer, CHO7 Martina Queally, Chief Officer CHO6
9		That this Forum proposes that a medical suite in the new Arklow Primary Care Centre be named	Martina Queally, CHO6

	Cllr Joe Behan, Cllr Patsy Glennon	<p>after Dr Declan Connolly who died in 2007. Dr Connolly had an enormous impact on the people of Arklow through his sterling work as a G.P. as well as his passionate involvement in Arklow Rugby Club and as a highly respected Dáil Candidate for Fianna Fáil.</p> <p>It is highly appropriate that Dr Connolly's name be associated with one of the medical suites in the new Arklow Primary Care Centre given his unique commitment and dedication to the welfare of all the people of Arklow.</p>	
10	Cllr Mary Freehill	<p>That this meeting set out the services available to older people who have a GP medical card only. What PHN, OT, Home Help and all other Community Care service can they expect. Furthermore how is access to Respite assessed for those who dont hold full medical cards</p>	Anne O'Shea, Chief Officer, CHO7
11	Cllr Mary Freehill Cllr Dermot Lacey	<p>This HSE Forum supports the right to Personal Assistance Service (PAS) for disabled people to have freedom, choice and control over all aspects of their lives to enable them to fully participate in an inclusive society as equals.</p> <p>Independent living means an individual can live with the freedom and control to have the same choices in life that everyone else has in terms of housing, transportation, education and employment. PAS is a tool for Independent Living that allows disabled people to live independently, providing individuals with the freedom and flexibility they need to live their lives as they choose.</p> <p>With PAS, disabled people are in control and direct the Personal Assistant (PA) to carry out tasks both inside and outside of the home, including personal care, domestic duties, assisting in day-to-day tasks such as shopping, support in the workplace or socialising. PAs should not be confused with 'Home Help' or Carers as they do not 'look after' or 'care for' a disabled person.</p> <p>In Ireland there is no standardised procedure for administrating personal PA hours. In 2017, 84% of those in receipt of PAS received less than three hours a day and 42% of these people were in receipt of between 1 and 5 hours a week, an average of 42 minutes a day, despite disability being a 24-hour issue. As far back as 1996, it was identified that an average need for 10 hours of PAS per person per week could only respond to essential personal care needs, not quality of life</p>	Tom McGuirk, Disability Services, Limerick

		<p>requirements and it would certainly not enable full active participation in the community. 30 years on and the Independent Living Movement in Ireland continues to strive for full independent living on behalf of disabled people; advocating for choice and control over their lives and full participation in society as equal citizens. A right to PAS for disabled people is fundamental to achieving that vision, however, currently there is no such right in Ireland.</p> <p>Considering the unanimous motion passed in Dáil Eireann on the 19th November. This forum requests that this motion is forwarded to the HSE executive Board and requests a response from them to this motion</p>	

5. Questions

Question Number	Proposed by	Question	Responded by
1	Cllr Frankie Keena	What is the current status of the proposed relocation of the South Westmeath Hospice Facility to Arcadia, Athlone?	Des O'Flynn, Chief Officer, CHO8
2	Cllr Charlie O'Connor	To ask for details of the number of cases of Covid dealt with in Tallaght since May this year and could you provide a statement in this matter?	Anne O'Shea, Chief Officer, CHO7
3	Cllr Charlie O'Connor	To ask for an update on recent contacts with Tallaght Drugs and Alcohol Task Force in respect of challenges faced by the the Task Force, and may we have a statement in respect of this matter.	Anne O'Shea, Chief Officer, CHO7
4	Cllr Charlie O'Connor	To ask for confirmation of additional resources being made to Tallaght University Hospital to deal with the ongoing pressures on the Emergency Department and may we have a report in that regard.	Dublin Midlands Hospital Group
5	Cllr Mark Leigh	Would the HSE consider developing a Changing Place at the Health Centre on Woodstock Street in Athy or at the new Primary Care Centre on the Dublin Road?	Anne O'Shea, Chief Officer, CHO7
6	Cllr Máire Devine	Given the recent concerning reports of	Dublin Midlands

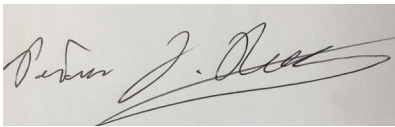
		potential fire hazards emanating from the plant room associated with antiquated lifts at the Coombe Hospital, can forum members be provided with an update on the situation and the plan to replace these lifts with modern equipment?	Hospital Group
7	Cllr Derren Ó Brádaigh	To ask the manager to provide a report on the ongoing widespread misuse of nitrous oxide as an inhalant, outlining the medical dangers and any relevant statistics, what actions have / are in place by the HSE in addressing the problem and will the Department now liaise with the Minister for Drugs to roll out a national awareness campaign and work with the industry manufacturing these products in identifying a solution that protects our youth from misadventure in this regard.	Dr Eamonn Keenan, National Social Inclusion
8	Cllr Peggy O Dwyer	What is the status of the post for the Palliative Care Social Worker for St Bridgets Hospice The Curragh.	Anne O'Shea, Chief Officer, CHO7
9	Cllr Carrie Smyth	To ask the HSE to arrange a site visit to the National Rehabilitation Hospital, Rochestown Avenue, Dun Laoghaire for the members of this Committee?	Rosemarie Nolan, Communications Manager, National Rehabilitation Hospital
10	Cllr Carrie Smyth	To ask the HSE how it is supporting the refurbishment of Blackrock Hospice, Blackrock, which will include upgrades and extensions to patient facilities?	Anne O'Shea, Chief Officer, CHO7
11	Cllr Deidre O Donovan	To ask the Manager for an update on Adult Speech and Language Therapy services in the CH07 area.	Anne O'Shea, Chief Officer, CHO7
12	Cllr Vincent Jackson	Could the CEO confirm if its appropriate that Medical Card Patients are charged for blood tests from there general practioner.	Primary Care Reimbursement Service, Primary Care Strategy & Planning
13	Cllr Vincent Jackson	Has the HSE set out a timetable for the re-opening of old persons day facilities in the community both run by voluntary organisations and HSE facilities for the past 18 months many older persons have regressed with isolation these facilities are a lifeline in our communities.	Assistant National Director, Community Operations, services for older persons
14	Cllr Vincent Jackson	Could the CEO please give me an update on the average waiting lists for	Anne O'Shea, Chief Officer, CHO7

		children requiring Dental Services from Health Centres / Primary Health Care Centres and when treatments are deemed emergency was is the waiting period.	
15	Cllr Tom Farrell	What is the update position regarding HSE and Sth Westmeath Hospice coming to an agreement over the Hospice building	Des O'Flynn, Chief Officer, CHO8

6. Chairperson's Correspondence - Nil

7. Date and Time of next meetings:-

- Forum: Tuesday, 19th October 2021 at 2:00pm.
- Forum Joint Committee: Tuesday, 16th November 2021 at 2:00pm.



Signed:

Cllr. PJ Reilly
Chairperson

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