

**Minutes of the Regional Health Forum, Dublin Mid Leinster held on Tuesday 16th May 2017 at the Boardroom,
HSE Area Office, Arden Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly**

Present:

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| 1. Cllr. P. Brady | 16. Cllr. F. Keena |
| 2. Cllr. V. Blake | 17. Cllr. V. Jackson |
| 3. Cllr. T. Cullen | 18. Cllr. C. King |
| 4. Cllr. V. Casserly | 19. Cllr. G. Kelly |
| 5. Cllr. M. Dalton | 20. Cllr. Anthony Larkin |
| 6. Cllr. C. Devlin | 21. Cllr. T. McKeigue |
| 7. Cllr. M. Dollard | 22. Cllr. C. O'Connor |
| 8. Cllr. P. Doran | 23. Cllr. D. O'Donovan |
| 9. Cllr L. Dunne | 24. Cllr. G. O'Neill |
| 10. Cllr. A, Duncan | 25. Cllr. P.J. Reilly |
| 11. Cllr. P. Fleming | 26. Cllr. J. King |
| 12. Cllr E. Fitzpatrick | 27. Cllr. B. Weld |
| 13. Cllr. P. Gogarty | |
| 14. Cllr. P. Hand | |
| 15. Cllr. M. Freehill | |

Apologies:

Dr. Susan O'Reilly, CEO, Dublin Midlands Hospital Group
Ms. Eilish Hardiman, CEO, The National Children's Hospital Group
Ms Martina Queally, Chief Officer, Community Healthcare Organisation, 6
Ms. Frances McNamara, General Manager, Children's Hospital Group
Mr. Joseph Ruane, Interim Lead, HSE Regional Health Forum DML

In attendance:

Mr. Pat Bennett, Chief Officer, Community Healthcare Organisation 8, Longford/
Westmeath/Laois/Offaly/Louth/Meath
Mr. Trevor O'Callaghan, Chief Operations Officer, Dublin Midland Hospital Group
Ms. Dymphna Bracken, Communications Manager CHO8
Mr. David Walsh, Chief Officer, Community Healthcare Organisation 7, South Dublin/Kildare/West Wicklow,
Health Service Executive
Ms. Caroline Lynch, Organ Donation Awareness Campaign
Ms. Sharon Whelehan, Regional Health Forum Coordinator

Expressions of sympathy

Councillors extended their sympathies and condolences to Cllr. Pat Doran on the recent death of his wife Mary and also to Cllr. Pdraig Fleming on the recent death of his mother Margaret "Peg" Fleming. Mr. Pat Bennett also extended his condolences on behalf of the executive. The meeting was adjourned for 10 minutes following a minutes silence as a mark of respect.

17:03:01 Adoption of minutes of the meetings of the Regional Health Forum, Dublin – Mid Leinster held on 25th April 2017.

On the proposal of Cllr. King and seconded by Cllr. Aird the Minutes of the Regional Health Forum, Dublin Mid-Leinster held on Tuesday 25th April 2017.

17:03:02 Chairpersons Correspondence

Cllr. Reilly acknowledged correspondence received from Dun Laoighaire- Rathdown advising that Cllr. Tom Murphy would be replacing Cllr. Jennifer Cuffe on the Dublin Mid Leinster Regional Health Forum. He thanked Cllr. Cuffe and welcome Cllr. Murphy to the forum.

17:03:03 HSE Update – Organ Donation and Transplantation Services in Ireland- Ms Caroline Lynch

Cllr. PJ Reilly (Chairperson) introduced Ms. Caroline Lynch, Organ Donor Co-ordinator of the Organ Donation and Transplant Centre, Ireland.

Ms. Lynch gave a detailed presentation to the Forum outlining the responsibilities and services provided by ODTI.

ODTI promotes the benefits of organ donation to the people of Ireland while also assisting donor families come to terms with a sudden bereavement.

Members praised Ms Lynch for her constant efforts of promoting Organ Donation as transplantations seem to have touched a number of forum members and their families. The following questions were raised after the presentation.

What organs can be donated?

Organs that can be donated in Ireland are: heart, lungs, liver, pancreas and kidneys. Eyes are currently not donated in Ireland.

Suitable Donors

A potential donor has to be in a hospital and maintained on a life support machine (ventilator) before they can become an organ donor. A person's organs can be donated after:

- Brain stem death- meaning that there is no blood flow or oxygen to the brain. The brain is no longer functioning. There is no hope of recovery. The patient cannot breathe without the help of the ventilator.
- Cardiac death- happens after an illness or injury from which a patient cannot recover. The patient is not brain dead, but has no hope of recovery. The patient cannot survive without the support of a ventilator and medication.

During your lifetime you are more likely to need an organ donation than ever becoming a donor.

Opt Out System

Members sought more information on the idea of an opt out system being introduced into Ireland. Ms Lynch advised that this is currently open for debate at the moment. We may eventually have a “soft” opt out system as our culture may not be able for a “hard” opt out system. A soft opt out system would encourage nurses and medical staff to approach families and ask them about donating the organs of their loved ones.

At the moment, if you wish to become an organ donor after your death you should inform your next of kin of your intentions. Your next of kin would always be asked for consent in order for donation to proceed. Consent is never presumed, even if a donor card has been signed.

Members agreed that Opting Out may be the way forward as Irish people are generally laid back when it comes to getting an organ donation card.

Some questioned, would opt out suit us- are we equipped to handle the volume.

What if the organs don't match someone on the waiting list?

The organs are initially matched to the republic of Ireland list, and if a match is not sourced, they are then offered to Northern Ireland and then the UK.

Promotional Talks

Members suggested getting involved with schools to promote organ donation. Ms Lynch advised that ODTI present to schools/ students usually if invited in by transition year students but rarely anyone younger.

Update

Members invited ODTI back to give another presentation at a later date- to update them on the progress of the opt out system.

17:03:04 Motions

Motion 1

I'd like to call on The Department of Health not to give 'sole' ownership of the new €300 million State-funded National Maternity Hospital to The Sisters of Charity as they were one of 18 residential institutions that is highlighted by the Ryan report 2009 to have been responsible for child abuse and They still owe €3 million to the redress scheme for its survivors. The Sisters of Charity, along with three other religious congregations, were responsible for the management of Magdalene Laundries. In 2013 they stated they would not be making ANY contributions to the State redress scheme to the women who had been subject abuse in the Magdalene Laundries. The Department of Health now want to give 'sole' ownership of the new €300 million State-funded National Maternity Hospital and I call on this Forum strongly object to this''

	Agree	Disagree
Cllr Anthony Larkin	✓	
Cllr Brendan Killeavy		
Cllr Brendan Weld		✓
Cllr Cathal King	✓	
Cllr Charlie O'Connor		
Cllr Daithi De Roiste		
Cllr Deirdre O'Donovan	✓	
Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick	✓	
Cllr Frankie Kenna	✓	
Cllr. Gerry O'Neill	abstain	
Cllr. Cormac Devlin		
Cllr. Greg Kelly	✓	
Cllr. Vincent Blake		✓
Cllr. Tom Murphy		
Cllr. John King		✓
Cllr. Mark Dalton	✓	
Cllr. Mary Freehill	✓	
Cllr. Michael Dollard		✓
Cllr. Mick Duff		
Cllr. P.J. Reilly	✓	✓
Cllr. Pdraig Fleming		
Cllr. Paraic Brady		✓
Cllr. Pat Doran		✓
Cllr. Pat Hand		
Cllr. Pat O'Toole		✓
Cllr. Paul Gogarty	✓	
Cllr. Paul Ward		
Cllr Ray McHugh		
Cllr. Carrie Smyth		
Cllr. Thomas Redmond		
Cllr. Tom Cullen		✓
Cllr. Tommy McKeigue		✓
Cllr. Vicki Casserly	✓	
Cllr. Vincent Jackson		
Cllr. William Aird		✓
Cllr. Anne Feeney		
Cllr. Andrew Duncan	abstain	
Cllr Ossian Smyth		
Cllr. Carron McKinney		
Cllr. Louise Dunne	✓	
TOTAL VOTES	13	11

Motion 2

That the sisters of charity are requested to make the land at St Vincent's Hospital available for a maternity hospital on a land freehold basis?

Cllr. Mary Freehill

	Agree	Disagree
Cllr Anthony Larkin	✓	
Cllr Brendan Killeavy		
Cllr Brendan Weld	✓	
Cllr Cathal King	✓	
Cllr Charlie O'Connor	✓	
Cllr Daithi De Roiste		
Cllr Deirdre O'Donovan	✓	
Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick	✓	
Cllr Frankie Kenna	✓	
Cllr. Gerry O'Neill	✓	
Cllr. Cormac Devlin		
Cllr. Greg Kelly	✓	
Cllr. Vincent Blake	✓	
Cllr. Tom Murphy		
Cllr. John King	✓	
Cllr. Mark Dalton	✓	
Cllr. Mary Freehill	✓	
Cllr. Michael Dollard	✓	
Cllr. Mick Duff		
Cllr. P.J. Reilly	✓	
Cllr. Pdraig Fleming	✓	
Cllr. Paraic Brady	✓	
Cllr. Pat Doran	✓	
Cllr. Pat Hand		
Cllr. Pat O'Toole	✓	
Cllr. Paul Gogarty	✓	
Cllr. Paul Ward		
Cllr Ray McHugh		
Cllr. Carrie Smyth		
Cllr. Thomas Redmond		
Cllr. Tom Cullen	✓	
Cllr. Tommy McKeigue	✓	
Cllr. Vicki Casserly	✓	
Cllr. Vincent Jackson		
Cllr. William Aird	✓	
Cllr. Anne Feeney		
Cllr. Andrew Duncan	✓	
Cllr Ossian Smyth		
Cllr. Carron McKinney		
Cllr. Louise Dunne	✓	

TOTAL VOTES	26	0
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Motion 3

To ask the HSE to give an update on the last three months work on text messaging for MIDOC for the hard of hearing and how soon the system will be in place. Note a report on work in progress was given at the February 2017 meeting.

Cllr. Pdraig Fleming

A response to this motion was prepared by Theresa Kennedy, Primary Care Manager advising of progress.. Members noted the report.

Motion 4

That the Regional Health Forum Dublin Mid-Leinster welcomes progress towards the development of the new National Children's Hospital and seeks an update and will the report also detail the schedule and costings in respect of the proposed new Satellite Centre at Tallaght hospital and in that regard comment on suggestions being made that, given the announcement of escalating costs of the National Children's Hospital project, that consideration would be given to using the existing and newly refurbished Children's Emergency Department at Tallaght hospital as the Satellite Minor Injuries Unit noting that the future of that Paediatric ED is unclear and can the RHF have a full statement.

Cllr. Charlie O'Connor

Response:

A response to this motion was prepared by Ms. Eilish Hardiman, CEO of the Children's Hospital Group. Members noted the report.

Motion 5

That the HSE Dublin Mid Leinster would favourably consider putting in place a development i.e. a Memory Piece" and associated information panel in Castlepollard, Co Westmeath with pertinent information about Mother and Baby home in the town of Castlepollard?

Cllr. Michael Dollard

At the time of the May forum, a response to this motion was still outstanding.

17.03.05 Questions

Responses to questions submitted were circulated to members.