

**Minutes of the Regional Health Forum, Dublin Mid Leinster held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at the Boardroom,  
HSE Area Office, Arden Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly**

**Present:**

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| 1. Cllr. V. Blake            | 15. Cllr. V. Jackson  |
| 2. Cllr. P. Brady            | 16. Cllr. P. Gogarty  |
| 3. Cllr. T. Cullen           | 17. Cllr. F. Keena    |
| 4. Cllr. V. Casserly (Chair) | 18. Cllr. P. Hand     |
| 5. Cllr. M. Dalton           | 19. Cllr. G. Kelly    |
| 6. Cllr. C. Devlin           | 20. Cllr. C. King     |
| 7. Cllr. M. Dollard          | 21. Cllr. A. Larkin   |
| 8. Cllr. K. Daly             | 22. Cllr. T. McKeigue |
| 9. Cllr. M. Duff             | 23. Cllr. C. O'Connor |
| 10. Cllr. P. Doran           | 24. Cllr. G. O'Neill  |
| 11. Cllr. A. Duncan          | 25. Cllr. P. O'Toole  |
| 12. Cllr. E. Fitzpatrick     | 26. Cllr. P.J. Reilly |
| 13. Cllr. P. Fleming         | 27. Cllr. M. Ward     |
| 14. Cllr. Mary Freehill      | 28. Cllr. B. Weld     |

**Apologies:**

Mr. Joseph Ruane, Interim Lead, HSE Regional Health Forum DML

Mr. David Walsh, Chief Officer, CHO, South Dublin/Kildare/West Wicklow, Health Service Executive

Ms Mary Day, CEO, Ireland East Hospital Group

Cllr. Deirdre O'Donovan

Cllr. Anne Feeney

Cllr. Ray McHugh

Cllr. Alex White

Cllr. Carrie Smyth

**In attendance:**

Mr. Pat Bennett, Chief Officer, CHO, Midlands/Louth/Meath

Ms. Ann O'Shea, Head of Primary Care, CHO7

Ms Martina Queally, Chief Officer, CHO 6

Ms. Eilish Hardiman, CEO, The National Children's Hospital Group

Mr. Trevor O'Callaghan, Chief Operations Officer, Dublin Midland Hospital Group

Ms. Paula Lawler, Chief Operations Officer, IEHG

Ms Arlene Crean, Communications Manager, Dublin Midland Hospital Group

Ms. Dymphna Bracken, Communications Manager, CHO, Midlands/Louth/Meath

Ms. Sharon Whelehan, Regional Health Forum Office

Mr. Brian Lynch, Arthritis Ireland

Cllrs suspended standing orders to address an issue regarding the relocation of Midoc Services from Birr and Edenderry to Tullamore. Cllr. Fitzpatrick proposed an emergency motion to ask the HSE to arrange a meeting between public representative and Midoc Services and asked for support from the forum members. This was agreed.

Mr. Pat Bennett, Chief Officer of Midlands/Louth/Meath CHO that members read through the Operational Plans for each CHO and Hospital Group and raise questions at the next Regional Health Forum meeting. Members agreed.

### **18:03:01 Adoption of minutes of the meetings of the Regional Health Forum, Dublin – Mid Leinster held on 20th February 2018**

On the proposal of Cllr. Brady and seconded by Cllr. McKeigue the minutes of the Regional Health Forum, Dublin Mid-Leinster held on Tuesday 20th February 2018 were adopted.

### **18:01:02 HSE Update – Arteritis Ireland- Brian Lynch**

Cllr. Vicki Casserly (Chairperson) introduced Brian Lynch, Communications Manager at Arthritis Ireland to the forum members. Mr Lynch gave a detailed presentation explaining the cause and types of arteritis and the great work that Arthritis Ireland do for people who suffer with this debilitating disease.

Members thanked Mr. Lynch for a very informative presentation.

Members asked questions following the presentation and the below issues were raised.

#### **Types**

- **Oesteo**
- **Autoimmune**

Mr Lynch spoke about the background of arteritis to the forum members. He explained that a lot falls under the umbrella term and there a vast range of things that cause arteritis such as autoimmune diseases, corroding of joints and the body attacking itself for reasons unknown.

They are also certain pain triggers for sufferers, such as smoking.

#### **Advocacy**

Members queried what services and support systems were available through Arteritis Ireland. Brian advised that there was 20 branches located throughout Ireland as well as dedicated mobile branches that offer a wide range of services, advice and support to people suffering with arteritis. For example they

- Organise walks

- Organise self-management courses
- Link in with hospitals/rheumatology department

They are also currently building a new website which will provide all the necessary information.

## **Juvenile Arteritis**

There are 1,200 children living with juvenile arthritis in Ireland. JA in turn affects the child's whole family-their parents and siblings. Families want a normal childhood for their child and Arteritis Ireland provide a JA programme has been specially tailored to help achieve that. They also provide information in an online hub for the different age categories.

Eilish Hardiman, CEO of the Children's Hospital Group, responded to the query regarding the paediatric consultant post. Currently 1 is in place and 1 has been offered. The funding is with NDPF.

Early intervention is key.

## **Further information**

[www.arthritisireland.ie](http://www.arthritisireland.ie)

The website contains a vast amount of information including a **6-week Living Well with Arthritis and Related Conditions** course which would be very beneficial to anyone suffering with arteritis.

## **18:03:03 Motions**

### **Motion 1**

That this Regional Health Forum Dublin Mid-Leinster welcomes the progress on the Building Programme of the National Children's Hospital and seeks a detailed report including confirmation in respect of the schedule being followed on the provision of the proposed Satellite Centre at Tallaght Hospital and in reporting can we also have confirmation of contact being maintained with local communities in respect of this important project and can we have a statement.

**Cllr. Charlie O'Connor**

A report on this motion was prepared by Eilish Hardiman, CEO of the Children's Hospital Group. Cllr. O'Connor thanked Ms Hardiman for the response and noted the report.

While on the subject of Tallaght hospital, Cllr. Devlin took the opportunity to commend the staff at Tallaght hospital to Ms Hardiman.

### **Motion 2**

That the manager set out what continuing care services are available to a person with an over 70's GP Medical Card Only

Will they have the services of the PHN, Physio and OTs and what level of care can they expect.

With regard to frail elderly coping with difficulty in this category what support and continuing maintenance care will they get from the HSE to help them remain at home for as long as possible. In these circumstances who in the HSE has the bottom line duty of care. In relation to Dublin 6 and 6W would the manager please provide the list of PHN working in the area accompanied with a map of their areas?

**Cllr Mary Freehill**

A report on this motion was prepared by Anne Marie Hoey from the Primary Care Reimbursement Service. Cllr. Freehill advised she was seeking a more detailed response and Ann O' Shea, Chief Officer of Kildare, South Dublin, and West Wicklow agreed to follow up and the motion was then amended to read the following

“That the primary care group for services for older persons in the Rathmines Rathgar area be re-established. This group met on a 3/12 basis in St Mary's Centre Richmond Hill”.

### **Motion 3**

That in the context project / relaunch of 2040 that the Health Service Executive would indicate what projects are envisaged for counties Longford and Westmeath?

**Cllr. Michael Dollard**

A report on this motion was prepared by Brian O'Connell. Cllr Dollard sought more information and Pat Bennett, Chief Officer for Midlands, Louth, Meath CHO agreed to follow up with Brian O' Connell to get a list of Capital Projects currently being progressed under the Capital Plan in Longford / Westmeath.

### **18:03:04 Questions**

Responses to questions submitted were circulated to members.

### **AOB**

Cllr Keena congratulated Pat Bennett, Joseph Ruane and Anne Naughton on the award received to Clonbrusk Primary Care Centre- A fantastic integrated centre.

Cllr. Casserly thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Regional Health Forum is 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018.