

Minutes of the Regional Health Forum, Dublin – Mid Leinster meeting held on Tuesday 19th February 2013 at the Boardroom, HSE Offices, Millennium Park, Naas Co. Kildare.

Present:

Cllr. P. Burke (Chairperson)	Cllr. W. Aird
Cllr. P. Belton	Cllr. V. Blake
Cllr. G. Brady	Cllr. T. Cullen
Cllr. M. Devine	Cllr. A. Davitt
Cllr. M. Dollard	Cllr. P. Doran
Cllr. M. Duff	Cllr. T. Fox
Cllr. G. Horkan	Cllr. P. Hand
Cllr. I. Keatley	Cllr. S. Langan
Cllr. D. Mitchell	Cllr. M. McDonagh
Cllr. T. McKeigue	Cllr. K. O'Brien
Cllr. D. O'Callaghan	Cllr. G. O'Connell
Cllr. P. Ormond	Cllr. D. Owens
Cllr. P.J. Reilly	Cllr. E. Tuffy
Cllr. E. Walsh	

In attendance:

Mr. Gerry O'Dwyer, Regional Director of Operations, Dublin – Mid Leinster
Mr. Gerry O'Neill, Area Manager, Dublin South Central
Mr. Gerry Raleigh, Director, National Office for Suicide Prevention
Ms. Dymphna Bracken, Communications Manager, Dublin – Mid Leinster

13:01:01 Adoption of minutes of meeting of the Regional Health Forum, Dublin-Mid Leinster held on Tuesday 19th November 2012.

On the proposal of Cllr. A. Davitt, seconded by Cllr. S. Langan the minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 19th November 2012 were adopted.

Cllr. M. Dollard requested an update regarding Universal Health Care. Mr. G. O'Dwyer stated that an update will be provided at a future meeting of the Forum in this regard.

13:01:02 Chairperson's Correspondence

No items were submitted for discussion.

13:01:03 Noting of Regional Health Forum, Dublin – Mid Leinster Annual Report 2012.

Members noted the above report.

13:01:04 Noting of report of Joint Committee Chairperson for the Acute Hospital Services and Population Health and Primary Community and Continuing Care Committees.

Members noted the above report

13:01:05 HSE Update – National Office for Suicide Prevention.

Mr. Gerry Raleigh, Director, National Office for Suicide Prevention made a presentation on Suicide Prevention. Following the presentation members raised the following issues:

- It was highlighted that 32% of recorded suicide related to persons who had worked in the Construction industry. Enquires were made as to what connections the HSE has with the Trade Unions and if any material is sent out directly to the unions?

Mr. Gerry Raleigh advised that there is ongoing discussion and consultation with IBEC and ICTU.

- Alcohol Abuse contributing to suicide

Mr. Gerry Raleigh advised that the Government and the Department of Health are currently working on the National Alcohol Strategy and further advised that the National Suicide Office will be contributing to the strategy.

Members expressed interest around alcohol awareness. It was suggested that a representative of the Health Promotion Unit would be asked to make a presentation to the Joint Committee meeting of the Forum.

- Public Campaigns

Mr. Gerry Raleigh advised the Forum regarding Assist and Safetalk Programmes that are available to both HSE staff and the public. There are approximately 30,000 people trained in these programmes nationally.

- Role of Social Media

A number of members raised concerns regarding the role of social media in relation to suicide. Mr. Gerry Raleigh stated that social media is an issue for society as a whole. Responsible media management is required by both society and individuals.

13:01:06 Motions

That in the context of refurbishment of existing Acute Psychiatric Unit on the campus of St. Loman's Hospital, Mullingar to provide modern accommodation for low secure and acute units that the HSE would indicate precisely what is envisaged.

Cllr. M. Dollard

A report on this motion was prepared by Mr. Joseph Ruane, Area Manager HSE Midlands. Following discussion, members noted the report.

13:01:07 Questions

Responses to questions submitted were circulated to members.

13:01:08 AOB

Concerns were expressed regarding the Dispensary in Milltownpass. The Regional Director of Operations noted the Councillor's concerns and advised that he would discuss this issue with the Area Manager.

Signed: _____

Cllr. Peter Burke
Chairperson
Regional Health Forum
Dublin – Mid Leinster

Date: _____