

**Minutes of the eleventh Annual Meeting of the Regional Health Forum, Dublin  
Mid Leinster held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at the Boardroom, HSE Area Office,  
Arden Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly.**

**Present:**

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| 1. Cllr. W. Aird         | 13. Cllr. P. Hand     |
| 2. Cllr. P. Brady        | 14. Cllr. G. Kelly    |
| 3. Cllr. Vicki Casserly  | 15. Cllr. C. King     |
| 4. Cllr. T. Cullen       | 16. Cllr. R. McHugh   |
| 5. Cllr. M. Dalton       | 17. Cllr. T. McKeigue |
| 6. Cllr. M. Dollard      | 18. Cllr. C. O'Connor |
| 7. Cllr. P. Doran        | 19. Cllr. D O'Donovan |
| 8. Cllr. M. Duff         | 20. Cllr. G. O'Neill  |
| 9. Cllr. Cormac Devlin   | 21. Cllr. P. O'Toole  |
| 10. Cllr. Louise Dunne   | 22. Cllr. P.J. Reilly |
| 11. Cllr. E. Fitzpatrick | 23. Cllr. B. Weld     |
| 12. Cllr. P. Fleming     | 24. Cllr. J. King     |

**Apologies –**

Cllr. Andrew Duncan  
Cllr. Vincent Jackson  
Cllr. Jennifer Cuffe  
Cllr. Thomas Redmond  
Cllr. Paul Gogarty  
Cllr. Anne Feeney  
Cllr. Anthony Larkin

Dr. Susan O'Reilly, CEO, Dublin Midlands Hospital Group  
Ms. Mary Day, CEO, Ireland East Hospital Group  
Mr. Kilian McGrane, Deputy Group CEO, Ireland East Hospital Group

**In attendance:**

Mr. Joseph Ruane, Interim Lead, HSE Regional Health Forum DML  
Ms. Eilish Hardiman, CEO, Children's Hospital Group  
Mr. David Walsh, Chief Officer, Community Healthcare Organisation 7, South  
Dublin/Kildare/West Wicklow, Health Service Executive  
Mr. Pat Bennett, Chief Officer, Community Healthcare Organisation 8, Longford /  
Westmeath/Laois/Offaly/Louth/Meath  
Ms. Martina Queally, Chief Officer, CHO Area 6, Dublin South East / Wicklow  
Mr. Trevor O'Callaghan, Chief Operations Officer, Dublin Midland Hospital Group  
Ms. Arlene Crean Communications Advisor, Dublin Midland Hospital Group  
Ms. Mary Manning, Dementia Ireland, Programme Lead  
Ms. Dymphna Bracken, Communications Manager, CHO8  
Ms. Sharon Whelehan, Regional Health Forum, Dublin Mid-Leinster

**16:04:01 Election of Chairperson**

Mr. Joseph Ruane invited nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Forum. In response, Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick proposed Cllr. P.J. Reilly and this proposal was seconded by Cllr. Charlie O'Connor. As only one member was nominated for the role of Chairperson, Cllr. Reilly was deemed to be elected to the position of Chairperson and he assumed the Chair. Cllr. PJ Reilly thanked Cllrs. Fitzpatrick and O'Connor for nominating him and he stated that he looked forward to working with all members of the Forum and HSE staff.

**REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM, DUBLIN – MID LEINSTER**

**Venue: Boardroom, HSE, Arden Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly**

**Date: Tuesday 5th July 2016**

	<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Proposed By</b>	<b>Seconded By</b>
<b>1.</b>	Cllr. P.J Reilly	Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick	Cllr. Charlie O'Connor

**16:04:02 Election of Vice Chairperson**

Mr. Joseph Ruane then invited nominations for the position of Vice Chair. Cllr. Tommy McKeigue proposed Cllr. Vicki Casserly and this proposal was seconded by Cllr. Mick Duff. Following the proposal, Cllr. Casserly was deemed to be elected to the position of Vice Chairperson. Cllr. Casserly thanked Cllrs. McKeigue and Duff for nominating her.

	<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Proposed By</b>	<b>Seconded By</b>
<b>1.</b>	Cllr. Vicki Casserly	Cllr. Tommy McKeigue	Cllr. Mick Duff

**16:04:03 Adoption of minutes of the meetings of the Regional Health Forum, Dublin – Mid Leinster held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016.**

On proposal of Cllr. Brady seconded by Cllr. Hand the minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May were adopted.

**16:04:04 Chairperson's Correspondence**

Cllr. P.J Reilly read the response received from Minister for Health, Simon Harris, in response to an invitation to give a presentation to the DML Regional Health Forum.

Cllr. Reilly also acknowledged correspondence received from Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council regarding the nomination of Cllr. Cormac Devlin to replace Cllr. Gerry Horkan on the Regional Health Forum. Cllr. O'Connor thanked Cllr. Horkan for his service and he also welcomed Cllr. Devlin to the meeting.

**16:04:05 Noting of report of Joint Committee Chairperson for the Acute Hospital Services and Population Health and Primary Community and Continuing Care Committees**

The report was noted by members.

**16:04:06 HSE Update – “The National Dementia Strategy”**

Ms. Mary Manning, Dementia Ireland, Programme Lead made a presentation on “National Dementia Strategy”.

Following the presentation members raised the following issues:

**Creating Awareness**

Members expressed their concerns that dementia is on the increase with 50,000 currently living with the disease and by 2041, it is estimated that this figure will have nearly tripled. With these staggering figures, it was agreed in 2011 that dementia would be made an EU Health priority. Ms. Manning advised that the new Dementia Strategy's main aim is to improve the care for dementia patients so they can live well for as long as possible while also spreading awareness to reduce the stigma related to dementia.

**On the Increase**

Members queried research regarding the increase in dementia and how it is evaluated. Ms. Manning advised members that although there is currently no national register as such, constant research and further studies are being done which draws to this conclusion. More people are being diagnosed younger and this is usually linked to alcohol and drugs.

## **General Wellbeing**

Ms Manning advised members that diet, exercise, controlling blood pressure and linking in with the community to avoid social exclusion are all things that can promote general wellbeing and slow down the dementia disease.

## **Intensive Home Care Packages**

Members raised concerns that the system is already overloaded and under resourced when it comes to dementia patients with a lot of families struggling. Ms Manning advised the members of the Intensive homecare package which will provide more support to the carers so patients can live better at home. Three hundred plus families will benefit as part of this.

## **Elevator Programme**

Ms Manning advised members of the Dementia Elevator programme which is an education and empowerment programme to help individuals, communities and health systems engage with and support people with dementia. Training courses are also available online for carers.

**16:04:07**

## **Motions**

### **Motion 1**

That the HSE present an updated report on the development of the new Primary Care Centre at Tallaght Cross in Tallaght Dublin 24 confirming when services will now be available to the public at the Centre and also outlining the services to be provided.

**Cllr. Charlie O'Connor**

A report on this motion was prepared by Mr. David Walsh, Chief Officer, Community Healthcare Organisation 8. Members noted the report.

### **Motion 2**

That the HSE informs members of Regional Health Forum of deaths by suicide in the counties it represents.

**Cllr. Thomas Redmond**

A response on this motion was prepared by Mr. Gerry Raleigh, Director of National Office for Suicide Prevention. The motion was not discussed as Cllr. Thomas was not present at the meeting.

**16:04:08      Questions**

Responses to questions submitted were circulated to members.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Cllr. P.J Reilly  
Chairperson  
Regional Health Forum  
Dublin – Mid Leinster

Date: \_\_\_\_\_