

REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM - DUBLIN MID LEINSTER

FÓRAM RÉIGIÚNACH SLÁINTE - BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH – LAR LAIGHEAN

MINUTES OF JOINT COMMITTEE REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM HELD ON

TUESDAY, 14TH DECEMBER 2021 AT 2:00PM

VIRTUAL, TULLAMORE, CO. OFFALY

Members Present

Cllr PJ Reilly
Mr Pat Mooney

Attended Virtually

Cllr Maura Devine	Cllr Peter Hamilton	Cllr Mark Leigh
Cllr Carrie Smyth	Cllr Anne Feeney	Cllr Hazel Smyth
Cllr Tom Farrell	Cllr David Quinn	Cllr Anna Grainger
Cllr Deirdre Conroy	Cllr Jim Gildea	Cllr Peggy O'Dwyer
Cllr Ann Breen	Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick	Cllr Mary Freehill
Cllr Dermot Lacey	Cllr Joe Behan	Cllr David McManus
Cllr Gerry O'Neill	Cllr Pauric Flemming	Cllr Sean O'Brien
Cllr Derren Ó Brádaigh	Cllr Ellis Ryan West	Cllr Deidre O'Donovan
Cllr Vincent Jackson	Cllr Charlie O'Connor	Mr David Tully
Cllr Paul Ross	Mr Trevor O'Callaghan	Ms Martina Queally
Mr Robert Kelly		

Apologies

Des O'Flynn Cllr Patsy Glennon

Not in Attendance

Cllr. Justin Moylan	Cllr Tony McCormack	Cllr Paschal McEvoy
Cllr Cathal King	Cllr Vanessa Liston	Cllr Aoife Flynn Kennedy
Cllr Una Power	Cllr Teresa Costello	Cllr Thomasina Connell

Officials Present

Mr Joseph Ruane, Head of Primary Care, Midlands Louth Meath CHO8

Mr David Tully, Head of HR on behalf of Ann O'Shea, Chief Officer, Dublin South, Kildare and West Wicklow CHO7.

Ms Martina Queally, Chief Officer, Community Healthcare East, Dublin South, East Dun Laoghaire & Wicklow CHO6

Mr Robert Kelly, Children's Health Ireland, The National Children's Hospital Group.

Mr Trevor O'Callaghan, Chief Officer at Dublin Midlands Hospital Group.

Ms Dymphna Bracken, Communications Manager, MLM Community Healthcare Organisation

1. Adoption of minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 16th November 2021

Minutes of the Regional Health Forum's meeting held on the 16th November 2021 were adopted.

2. Health Service Updates

HSE Service Executive Updates were circulated and noted by Members which included:

1 HSE raises awareness of bereavement and grief this winter and has launched a campaign of information and signposting in partnership with Irish Hospice Foundation

2 Minister Stephen Donnelly announced that €1million is to be allocated to the progress and the development of the proposed Midland Regional Hospice.

3 It was noted that some Councillors have not got paid for travel and expenses and this would be rectified as soon as possible

3. Presentation by Mr Pat Mooney of the National Ambulance Services

In recent months, health services, including Emergency Departments and National Ambulance Service (NAS), continue to experience a surge in the demand for services at a time when staff were also working hard to support COVID related swabbing and Vaccinations.

The NAS is now beginning to reduce our Paramedic involvement in supporting Covid initiatives in the community as we look at the forecasting of an easing of the pandemic.

The National Ambulance Service has about 2,000 staff which has increased from 1,500 in 2015, the most significant challenge is the availability of paramedics as, as the NAS have to train the majority of its Paramedics who undergo a 3 year degree course programme.

Call Triage - 999 Call are clinically triaged and prioritised to ensure that those patients with life threatening injuries or conditions receive the fastest response.

The demand for Ambulance Services since 2015 has been increasing annually at 3.4%. The most critical ECHO (Life threatening cardiac or respiratory arrest) call have been increasing

by 6.4%. There has been a similar increase in DELTA calls (life threatening illness or injury, other than cardiac arrest).

Volume of Emergency Calls

In 2019, NAS received 249,116 999 emergency calls, 20,804 calls from GPs or other medical sources and 31,738 calls which relate to inter facility transfers.

In 2021 the demand is now rising quickly following a period of decline in 2020.

The average turnaround time in September 2021 is 49 minutes against a target of 30 minutes. Turnaround times are slower at those hospitals that are under extreme pressure with demand.

The NAS promotes health and wellbeing among its staff through liaison with the HSE's Workplace Health and Wellbeing Unit which provides support for all staff and assists in preventing staff becoming ill or injured at work.

Cllr Reilly thanked Pat Mooney for overview of the National Ambulance Services informative presentation and opened the floor to question. A discussion took place afterwards, where the members Cllr Jim Gildae, Cllr Deidre O Donovan and Cllr Derren Ó Brádaigh asked questions and they were answered accordingly

4. Motions:

Motions submitted by Cllr Charlie O Connor, Cllr Hazel Smyth, Cllr Mark Leigh, Cllr Marie Devine, Joe Ruane/Lynn Mannion, Cllr Carrie Smyth, Cllr Mary Freehill were discussed.

5. Questions:

Responses to questions submitted were circulated to members

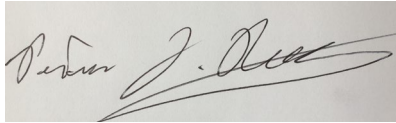
6. Chairperson's Correspondence

- Nil

7. AOB:

8. Date and time of next meeting

- The next meeting of the DML Regional Health Forum will take place X on Tuesday, 15th February 2022, via **zoom**
- The next meeting of the DML Regional Health Forum Joint will take place on Tuesday, 23rd March 2022.



Signed:

Cllr PJ Reilly
Chairperson