Regional Health Forum - Dublin Mid Leinster

Fóram Réigiúnach Sláinte - Baile Átha Cliath – Lar Laighean

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday, 16th APRIL, 2019 at 2:30pm

in the Boardroom, HSE, Area Office, Arden Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly

**Members Present**

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| Cllr. Carrie Smyth | Cllr. Tommy McKeigue | Cllr. Charlie O’Connor |
| Cllr. Paraic Brady | Cllr. Mary Freehill | Cllr. P.J Reilly |
| Cllr. Tom Cullen | Cllr. Cathal King | Cllr. Gerry O’Neill |
| Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick (Chair) | Cllr. Greg Kelly | Cllr. Kevin Daly |
| Cllr. Mick Duff  Cllr. Mark Ward  Cllr. Vincent Blake | Cllr. Pat Hand  Cllr. Thomas Redmond  Cllr. Pat Doran | Cllr. Cormac Devlin  Cllr. Anthony Larkin  Cllr. Pat O’Toole |

**Apologies**

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| Trevor O’Callaghan,  CEO, Dublin Midland Hospital Group  Ms. Martina Queally,  Chief Officer, CHO6 | Cllr. Padraig Fleming  Cllr. Ray McHugh  Cllr. Paul Gogarty  Cllr. Alex White  Cllr. Deirdre O’Donovan | Eilish Hardiman,  CEO, Children’s Hospital Group |

**Not in Attendance**

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| Cllr. Frankie Keena  Cllr. Vincent Jackson | Cllr. Michael Dollard  Cllr. Andrew Duncan | Cllr. John King  Cllr. William Aird |
| Cllr. Vicki Casserly | Cllr. Anne Feeney | Cllr. Murty Aspell |
| Cllr. Brendan Weld  Cllr. Daithi de Roiste  Cllr. Ossian Smyth | Cllr. Brendan Killeavy | Cllr. Paul Ward |

**Officials Present**

Mr Pat Bennett, Chief Officer, Midlands Louth Meath Community Healthcare Organisation

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

Ms. Ann O’Shea, Chief Officer, HSE Community Healthcare East – Dublin South East, Dun Laoghaire & Wicklow

Paula Lawler, Ireland East Hospital Group

Orlagh Claffey, Dublin Midland Hospital Group

Ms. Niamh Alindon –GM, Community Healthcare Dublin South, Kildare and West Wicklow.

Mr Ciarán Brennan, Communications Manager, Midlands Louth Meath Community Healthcare Organisation

1. **Adoption of minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 19th November, 2019**

Minutes of the Regional Health Forum’s meeting held in Tullamore on 16th April, 2019 were adopted.

1. **Health Service Executive Updates**

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

* Appointment of Mr. Paul Reid as Director General of the Health Service Executive
* GP Contract
* Survey of Hospital-acquired infections (HAI) and antimicrobial use (AMU) in Irish hospitals in 2017 is published
* Organ Donation Transplant Ireland (ODTI) Publishes Annual Report 2018
* HSE and An Post launch National Awareness Campaign
* HSE welcomes Scally’s Implementation Progress Report
* HSE, Epilepsy Ireland and OACS Ireland conference on foetal valproate syndrome
* Thank you, Laura; Laura Brennan, HPV vaccine advocate, has died.

1. **Presentation on the National Patient Experience Survey**

Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick (Chairperson) introduced Ms Tracy O’Carroll, Senior Programme Manager to Forum members. Ms Tracy O’Carroll gave a detailed presentation on The National Patient Experience Survey – listening and responding to those who use health and social care services in Ireland. Members noted the National Strategy launched that day – 16th April 2019 and how experiences are mostly positive.

A discussion took place after the presentation whereby a number of members queried the process. Councillors welcomed the report. Chairperson Eddie Fitzpatrick thanked Ms. Tracy O’Carroll for her presentation.

1. **Motions**

That this Regional Health Forum calls on the HSE to urgently address the urgent need for a G.P.

service and a Public Health Nurse Service to be located in Balgaddy, Lucan, Co Dublin.

Balgaddy is a unique area in South Dublin that is annexed from North Clondalkin and Lucan

without the adequate public transport infrastructure**.**

**Mayor Mark Ward**

This motion was noted and passed. Ann O’Shea agreed to provide further clarification for

Mayor Mark Ward.

That this RHF calls for an update on the Building Programme of the Tymon North Community Nursing Home facility, Tallaght,  including details of the schedule now being followed and also confirming what plans are in place for the orderly opening, in time, of the Nursing Home. May we also have assurances that effective actions have been taken in respect of any matters of concern raised by the local community and may we have a full statement.

*Cllr. Charlie O’Connor*

This motion was noted and passed by Members.

**Motion**

This Forum calls on the HSE and the Minister to conduct an Full Independent Public Inquiry into the Transvaginal Mesh Implantation that has been carried out on thousands of women in the 26 counties. This Inquiry needs to establish the facts regarding the dangers posed by use of surgical Mesh implants and recommend measures to help the women affected.

*Cllr. Greg Kelly*

This motion was noted and passed.

**Motion**

That the HSE consult with Dublin City Council, Voluntary Housing Organizations, The Red Cross and community groups in regard to the development of Primary Care Centre in Terenure. This is a great opportunity to enhance the community Service structures in Terenure and it’s important that this site is developed in the best interest of the local community.

*Cllr. Mary Freehill*

This motion was noted and passed by Members.

**Motion**

That funding for the social work position in St Brigid’s hospice be found and we be told of other services pulled.

*Cllr. Thomas Redmond*

This motion was noted and passed by Members.

1. **Questions**

Responses to questions submitted were circulated to members.

1. **Chairperson’s Correspondence**

It was agreed that a change of date was necessary to accommodate election process therefore the next joint meeting of the Acute Hospital Services and Population Health and Primary Community and Continuing Care Joint Committee in Naas, will be held on Tuesday, 25th June 2019 instead of 18th June 2019 like previously agreed.

1. **Date and time of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Regional Health Forum – Mid Leinster will take place on Tuesday, 14th May, 2019.

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**Chairperson**