

REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM - DUBLIN MID LEINSTER

FÓRAM RÉIGIÚNACH SLÁINTE - BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH – LAR LAIGHEAN

MINUTES OF JOINT COMMITTEE REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM HELD ON

TUESDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER 2021 AT 2:00PM

BRIDGE HOUSE HOTEL / VIRTUAL, TULLAMORE, CO. OFFALY

Members Present

Cllr Deirdre O'Donovan
Cllr PJ Reilly
Cllr Kenneth Egan

Cllr. Frankie Keena
Cllr Vincent Jackson
Cllr Pdraig Fleming

Cllr Jim Gildea
Cllr Deirdre Conroy
Cllr Thomasina Connell

Attended Virtually

Mr Robert Kelly
Trevor O'Callaghan
Cllr Carrie Smyth
Cllr Tom Farrell
Cllr Deirdre Conroy
Cllr. Ann Breen
Cllr. Dermot Lacey

Ms Anne O'Shea
Cllr Peter Hamilton
Cllr Vanessa Liston
Cllr Anne Feeney
Cllr David Quinn
Cllr Paul Ross

Ms Martina Queally
Cllr Mark Leigh
Cllr Hazel Smyth
Cllr Anna Grainger
Cllr Peggy O'Dwyer
Cllr. Mary Freehill
Cllr David McManus

Apologies

Des O'Flynn
Cllr Charlie O'Connor

Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick
Cllr. Paraic Brady

Cllr Marie Devine

Not in Attendance

Cllr Joe Behan
Cllr Gerry O'Neill
Cllr Derren Ó Brádaigh
Cllr Aoife Flynn Kennedy

Cllr. Justin Moylan
Cllr Paschal McEvoy
Cllr Sean O'Brien
Cllr Una Power

Cllr Tony McCormack
Cllr Cathal King
Cllr. Patsy Glennon
Cllr Teresa Costello

Officials Present

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

Ms 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

Dr Keith Ian Quinyne along with Caitriona Kelly

1. Adoption of minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 19th October 2021

Minutes of the Regional Health Forum's meeting held on the 19th October 2021 were adopted.
Cllr Jackson and Cllr Egan

2. Health Service Updates

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

- HSE encourages all at-risk groups to get their free flu vaccine
- HSE National Safeguarding Office Report
- Antigen testing for close contacts
- HSE 'Thank you' campaign asks people with COVID-19 symptoms to act quickly, get a test, and protect the people around them
- 'If you Go, Go Slow' harm reduction campaign launches as night-time economy reopens on October 22nd
- Updated Guidance on Access to Maternity Hospitals
- Updated Nursing Homes Support Scheme legislation
- HSE launches children's nasal spray flu vaccination programme

3. Presentation on “Air Quality – linking certain illnesses and admissions to hospital 2014 – 2018”, By Dr Keith Ian Quintyne of the Department of Public Health, in conjunction with the Environmental Protection Agency

Dr Keith Ian Quintyne introduced himself and the work he is involved with.

Dr Quintyne stressed the importance of clean air as a basic right and that air pollution is the largest risk factor for death.

In Ireland burning of solid fuels and road transport is a major source. Dublin city is listed as one of the worst traffic congestion cities in the world. There are short-term effects to poor air quality such as asthma, to long-term effect like lung cancer, which is a leading cause in Ireland.

Dr Quintyne discussed the impact on acute hospital admissions. Reports have shown episodes of poor air quality have brought on more respiratory admissions.

Dr Quintyne showed the members that during COVID times when the transport restrictions were put in place there was a fall in respiratory admissions, which highlights population intervention impact. Dr Quintyne stressed the importance of personal responsibility and we all have our part to play.

Cllr Reilly thanked Dr. Quintyne for his informative presentation and opened the floor. A discussion took place afterwards, where the members asked Dr. Quintyne questions and they were answered accordingly

4. Motions:

Cllr Peggy O’Dwyer said she did not receive her motion relating to the Irish Blood Transfusion, however Joe read out the response. Members were very interested in the topic and requested a presentation on the topic

Cllr Charlie O’Connor was not available so his motion will be carried over

5. Questions:

- Responses to questions submitted were circulated to members

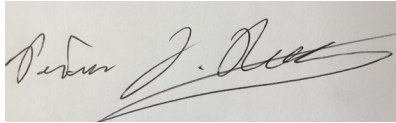
6. Chairperson’s Correspondence

- Nil

7. AOB:

8. Date and time of next meeting

- The next meeting of the DML Regional Health Forum will take place virtually on Tuesday, 16th December 2021, via zoom
- The next meeting of the DML Regional Health Forum Joint will take place on Tuesday, 15th February 2022.



Signed:

Clr PJ Reilly
Chairperson