Regional Health Forum - Dublin Mid Leinster

Fóram Réigiúnach Sláinte - Baile Átha Cliath – Lar Laighean

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday, 17th September, 2019 at 2:30pm

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

**Members Present**

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| Cllr. Anne Feeney | Cllr. Vanessa Liston | Cllr. Charlie O’Connor |
| Cllr Mary Freehill | Cllr. Paschal McEvoy | Cllr. David McManus |
| Cllr Dermot Lacey | Cllr. Mark Wall | Cllr. Gerry O’Neill |
| Cllr Vincent Jackson | Cllr. Padraic Brady | Cllr. Mark Ward |
| Cllr. Jim Gildea  Cllr. Cormac Devlin  Cllr. Anna Grainger  Cllr. Dave Quinn  Cllr. Deirdre O’Donovan | Cllr. P.J Reilly  Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick  Cllr. Teresa Costello  Cllr. Sean O’Brien  Cllr. Joe Behan | Cllr. Patsy Glennon  Cllr. Frankie Keena  Cllr. Tom Farrell |

**Apologies**

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| Cllr. Anne Breen  Cllr. Peter Hamilton  Cllr. Michael Watters | Cllr. Carrie Smyth  Cllr. Padraig Fleming  Cllr. Cathal King | Cllr. Kenneth Egan  Cllr. Peggy O Dwyer  Cllr. Paul Ross |

**Not in Attendance**

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| Cllr. Una Power  Cllr Hazel Smyth | Cllr. Thomasina Connell  Cllr. Aoife Flynn-Kennedy | Cllr. Tony McCormack |

**Officials Present**

Mr Pat Bennett, Chief Officer, CHO, Midlands Louth Meath

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

Mr. David Tully, Head of HR – Dublin South East, Dun Laoghaire & Wicklow

Ms.Paula Lawler, Ireland East Hospital Group

Mr Trevor O’Callaghan, CEO Dublin Midland Hospital Group

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

Ms. Eilish Hardiman, Chief Executive Officer, Children’s Health Ireland

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

1. **Adoption of minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 23rd July, 2019**

Minutes of the Regional Health Forum’s meeting held in Tullamore on 23rd July, 2019 were adopted.

1. **Health Service Executive Updates**

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

* Launch of HSE’s National Office for Suicide Prevention (NOSP) Annual Report for 2018
* HSE and partners mark International Overdose Awareness Day 2019
* Spotlight on improving medical care for people who are overweight
* HSE issues drug harm-reduction information for attendees at music festivals
* HSE launches HPV vaccination programme for all first year secondary school students
* Children’s Health Ireland to start to treat patients at its new paediatric outpatient and urgent care centre at CHI at Connolly in Blanchardstown from 31 July 2019
* World Hepatitis Day 2019 - Sunday, 28 July 2019 HSE publishes Trauma System for Ireland Post-Consultation Document
* HSE Statement in response to the MacCraith Review
* HSE Introduce a new LGBT eLearning resource to help create inclusive service and care
* Minister for Health launches new National Cancer Survivorship Needs Assessment: Living With and Beyond Cancer in Ireland
* Pregnancy and Alcohol: HSE launches information campaign on Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Awareness Day
* HSE at the 2019 Ploughing Championships

1. **Presentation on HPV for boys**

Cllr Deirdre O’Donovan (Chairperson) introduced Ms Yvonne Morrissey, to Forum members. Ms Morrissey started by playing short video on HPV, then gave a detailed presentation on HPV for boys. Ms Morrissey ended presentation with second video on HPV. Members noted

A discussion took place after the presentation whereby a number of members expressed concern on why there is no catch up scheme in place for boys. Why there is no screen test available for male was raised. Members asked about anti vaccine campaigners and side effects. Ms Morrissey advised HIQA did not propose catch-up for boys. Due to science screening is not possible for males. There was information included in pack handed out on side effects.

Chairperson thanked Ms. Yvonne Morrissey for her presentation.

1. **Motions**

**Motions 1**

That the HSE carry out an urgent review of the medical card application system. From recent experience I found that it is taking at least 10 days to process further information in relation to applications. There is no provision for urgent cases in need of medical cards

*Cllr. Mary Freehill*

This motion was noted and passed. A number of issues were discussed that it takes longer than

15 days to process application, exceptions should be made for urgent cases and a report on

medical card statistics. Cllr. Deirdre O’Donovan requested the possibility of a presentation at next meeting.Joseph Ruane advised on what PCRS advised at last presentation that delays are when applicationsaren’t complete.

**Motions 2**

That this Regional Health Forum Dublin Mid Leinster calls for effective action on the waiting lists crisis at Tallaght University Hospital; may we have details of those outpatients lists and may we have a full statement for discussion?

*Cllr. Charlie O'Connor*

This motion was noted and passed by Members.

**Motions 3**

Joint Motion: That the Members of this Health Forum sympathise with the many families who have been affected by the tragedy of drug addiction. That this Forum calls on the HSE and the Department of Health to outline the current national response to the present Drugs Crisis and that this Forum discusses initiatives it can take to address the Crisis in this Region

*Cllr. Gerry O Neill , Cllr. Patsy Glennon, Cllr. Joe Behan*

This motion was noted and passed by Members. Members had a discussion that children need to be made aware younger about consequences of drugs, Bray local task force that no appointment has been made & what services are available in their area.

David Tully will follow up on request of local service available.

Pat Bennett requested the possibility of a presentation in the near future by Eamonn Keenan from national office on drug forces.

**Motions 4**

That this Regional Health Forum reject the proposal by the HSE to close the South Westmeath Hospice facility in Athlone.

*Cllr. Frankie Keena*

This motion was noted and passed. A number of issues were raised by counsellors including why Hospice wasn’t consulted sooner, occupancy figures were disputed and who has ownership of the building.

Pat Bennett apologised that consultation wasn’t what it should have been and agreed to follow up and report back.

1. **Questions**

Responses to questions submitted were circulated to members.

1. **Chairperson’s Correspondence**

Ann O’Shea, Chief Officer, Community Healthcare Dublin South, Kildare and West Wicklow was not

in attendance.

1. **Any Other Business**

Estates operating within HSE were discussed. Presentation from Estates is on list for Regional Health Forum.

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

The next meeting of the Regional Health Forum – Dublin Mid Leinster will take place on

Tuesday, 19th November, 2019.

The next meeting of the Regional Health Forum - Dublin Mid Leinster - Joint Committee

meeting will take place on Tuesday, 15th October 2019.

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**Cllr. Deirdre O’Donovan**

**Chairperson**