

REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM - DUBLIN MID LEINSTER

FÓRAM RÉIGIÚNACH SLÁINTE - BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH – LAR LAIGHEAN

MINUTES OF REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM HELD ON

TUESDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2021 AT 2:00PM

BRIDGE HOUSE HOTEL / VIRTUAL, TULLAMORE, CO. OFFALY

**Members Present**

Cllr. Dermot Lacey  
Cllr. Patsy Glennon  
Cllr PJ Reilly  
Cllr Kenneth Egan

Cllr. Frankie Keena  
Cllr. Mary Freehill  
Cllr Gerry O'Neill  
Cllr Paschal McEvoy

Cllr Joe Behan  
Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick  
Cllr David McManus  
Cllr. Justin Moylan

**Attended Virtually**

Mr Robert Kelly  
Cllr Carrie Smyth  
Cllr Tom Farrell  
Cllr Deirdre Conroy  
Cllr. Ann Breen  
Cllr Vincent Jackson  
Cllr Padraig Fleming

Ms Anne O'Shea  
Cllr Maire Devine  
Cllr. Jim Gildea  
Cllr Peter Hamilton  
Cllr Vanessa Liston  
Cllr Teresa Costello  
Cllr Anne Feeney

Ms Martina Queally  
Cllr Mark Leigh  
Cllr Hazel Smyth  
Cllr Charlie O'Connor  
Cllr Thomasina Connell  
Cllr Anna Grainger

**Media via Virtual:**

Kevin McGillicuddy News SS

**Apologies**

Des O'Flynn Cllr Paul Ross Cllr. Paraic Brady

**Not in Attendance**

Cllr Peggy O'Dwyer  
Cllr Sean O'Brien  
Cllr Derren Ó Brádaigh

Cllr Tony McCormack  
Cllr Aoife Flynn Kennedy  
Cllr David Quinn

Cllr Cathal King  
Cllr Deirdre O'Donovan  
Cllr Una Power

## **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.

Ken Fitzgibbon, Director of Strategy & Transformation in IEHG

Ms Dymphna Bracken, Communications Manager, MLM Community Healthcare Organisation

Mr Paul Flood, Niall Collery and Damien Keane, HSE Estates

## **1. Adoption of minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021**

Minutes of the Regional Health Forum's meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021 were adopted.

## **2. Health Service Updates**

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

- HSE National Cancer Control Programme urging people to act early on potential signs of cancer
- This World Mental Health Day the HSE is Shining a Light on Digital Mental Health Supports
- Organ Donation and Transplant Ireland (ODTI) marks European Day for Organ Donation and Transplantation on Saturday, 9th October
- UniCoV Covid rapid testing research program at four Universities seeking volunteers
- HSE online event to raise awareness and break the stigma around Overweight and Obesity
- Launch of the first Irish 60 day Get up, Get dressed, Get moving challenge in HSE hospitals
- Older people urged to protect themselves against flu this winter by taking up free flu vaccination
- HSE wins international UN award for tackling chronic disease
- Civil Registration Service offices reopen to the public
- An additional dose of COVID-19 vaccine is important to ensure a better immune response and protection from Covid-19

### **3. Presentation on: Primary Care Centres by Niall Colleary and Paul Flood, Estates**

Paul Flood introduced his colleagues, Niall Colleary from Tullamore and Damien Keane from Dublin.

Paul gave a brief introduction to HSE Estates and explained all the various areas they are responsible for eg setting up test / vaccination centre, high end equipment (MRI). Paul showed many slides of all the large and small projects they have completed or are working on. They have 2500 properties with 4500 buildings, Estates consider a property a campus.

Paul spoke about the procurement method for PC developments. Most of them by operational lease, 145 currently in operation. Again showing many slides on the PC centres they are working on showing the cost, description and expected completion date. Donnybrook is the largest PC to date.

Joseph Ruane spoke about ECC and what that will mean for the community, and the care they will provide to service users at home. There will be additional and new staff, ie OT, physios, nurse etc 15 staff to every one of those networks. It is the biggest project out of hospital care to date.

A discussion took place after the presentation whereby many members raised questions related to specific projects. Paul Flood, Anne O'Shea and Martina Queally answered questions accordingly.

### **4. Motions:**

- Motions submitted were discussed by the following councillors: Cllr Máire Devine had a few queries, Anne O'Shea said she would respond directly. Cllr Hazel Smyth was not available so motion not discussed. Cllr Charlie O'Connor had queries and Joseph Ruane advised he will pass on his comments to Trevor O'Callaghan and Arlene Creane. Cllr Mary Freehill, Anne O'Shea and Martina Queally will answer Mary's queries.

### **5. Questions:**

- Responses to questions submitted were circulated to members

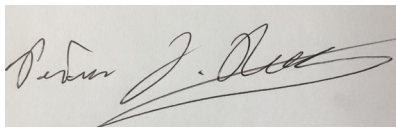
### **6. Chairperson's Correspondence**

- Nil

### **7. AOB:**

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

- The next meeting of the DML Regional Health Forum Joint Committee will take place on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021 in the Bridge House Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offaly / Virtual
- The next meeting of the DML Regional Health Forum will take place on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021. It is envisioned this will take place virtually, however this will be confirmed at the November's forum



**Signed:**

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**Cllr PJ Reilly**  
**Chairperson**