

REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM - DUBLIN MID LEINSTER

FÓRAM RÉIGIÚNACH SLÁINTE - BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH – LAR LAIGHEAN

MINUTES OF REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM DUBLIN MID LEINSTER – JOINT MEETING OF THE ACUTE HOSPITAL SERVICES AND POPULATIONS HEALTH AND PRIMARY COMMUNITY AND CONTINUING CARE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 20TH APRIL, 2021 AT 2:00PM

VIRTUAL MEETING

Members Present

Cllr. Charlie O'Connor

Clr Sean O'Brien

Cllr. Patsy Glennon

Cllr. Carrie Smyth

Cllr. Jim Gildea

Cllr. Joe Behan

Cllr. Anna Grainger

Cllr David Quinn

Cllr Pdraig Fleming

Cllr. Teresa Costello

Cllr Thomasina O'Connell

Aoife Flynn Kennedy

Cllr. Frankie Keena

Cllr. Mary Freehill

Cllr Paschal McEvoy

Cllr Mark Leigh

Cllr. Tom Farrell

Cllr. Vanessa Liston

Cllr. Ann Breen

Cllr. Gerry O'Neill

Cllr. Paraic Brady

Cllr Tony McCormack

Cllr PJ Reilly

Cllr Ann Feeney

Cllr. Peggy O'Dwyer

Cllr Maire Devine

Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick

Cllr Deirdre Conroy

Cllr Vincent Jackson

Cllr Paul Ross

Cllr. Justin Moylan

Cllr Peter Hamilton

Cllr Derren Ó Brádaigh

Cllr. David McManus

Cllr Dermot Lacey

Apologies

Ms Martina Queally

Cllr. Deirdre O'Donovan

Not in Attendance

Cllr. Kenneth Egan

Cllr Cathal King

Cllr Una Power

Cllr. Hazel Smyth

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 Niamh McAlinden, GM for Primary Care on behalf of 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 Arlene Crean, Group Communications Manager, DMHG

Ms Dymphna Bracken, Communications Manager, MLM Community Healthcare Organisation

Ms Fiona Murphy, Chief Executive, National Screening Service

1. Adoption of minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 23rd March 2021

Minutes of the Regional Health Forum's meeting held on the 23rd March 2021 were adopted.

2. Health Service Executive Updates

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

- HSE invites people aged 65-69 to register for their COVID-19 AstraZeneca Vaccine
- Statement from the Minister for Health and the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- Bookings for mandatory hotel quarantine temporarily suspended pending capacity review
- Statement from Acting Chief Medical Officer Dr Ronan Glynn - Monday 12 April 2021
- Symptom Free No Appointment Required Covid-19 Testing – Mullingar and Dunmanway
- Symptom Free Walk-in Covid-19 Testing Centres
- A joint message from HSE, Offaly County Council and An Garda Síochána
- Statement from Organ Donation Transplant Ireland
- BowelScreen ways 'do the test' on Bowel Cancer Awareness Month
- Source Investigation is being introduced by HSE Test and Trace
- HSE and Health Research Board launch EU Web Survey to explore current drug trends in Ireland 18 March 2021
- Minister for Health publishes Expert Report on COVID-19 Rapid Testing

Vaccination Centres:

A discussion took place among the councillors. Any questions were answered accordingly

3. Presentation on Understanding Screening – National Screening Service presented by Ms Fiona Murphy, Chief Executive and Dr. Caroline Mason-Mohan

Paraic introduced Fiona Murphy and Dr Caroline Mason-Mohan to the Forum Members. Caroline spoke about the different screening programmes, Diabetic Retina Screening, Cervical Check, Bowel Screen and Breast Check, and how screening is for healthy people and if you have a symptom it is important to consult with your doctor.

Caroline spoke about the criteria for population screening and the balance with screening. How screening may cause harm ie false negatives/false positives. Over-investigation and complications

of tests/ over-treatment and complications of treatments/psychological distress and anxiety/discomfort and side-effects. Population screening, assessing risk in individuals and referring those with a higher than normal risk for assessment. Those who are caught and are deemed to be positive and to see if they have a condition that needs treatment, a lot of people won't need treatments.

Described screening like a sieve, assess risk using a test, however screening is not diagnostic and is not 100% accurate. There are 4 outcomes for the individual: True Positive, False Positive, False Negative and True Negative. Caroline spoke about the benefits and limitations of the HPV screening, however it can be a very effective way of helping improve the health of a population. Screening needs to be delivered as a managed programme, providing everyone from invitations to follow-up after interventions

Fiona spoke about Interval Cancers, cancers which are diagnosed after the initial screen but before the next screening invitation is due.

National Screening Service's (NSS) Breast Check, Cervical Check, Bowel Screen and Diabetic Retina Screen were paused in March 2020. Huge number of staff were redeployed but most have returned from redeployment and all programmes have restarted.

Fiona also stressed the importance of being aware and acting upon any symptoms, even between screening appointments. NSS working on building trust, involvement of stakeholders and performance, staff development and training.

Fiona thanked the forum for the opportunity to present and asked for the members to make the information available to the public so they can be more involved.

The presentation was followed by Q&A and all questions were answered accordingly.

Paraic thanked Fiona and Caroline for their comprehensive presentation and agreed we would send the presentation to the forum members.

4. Motions:

Motions submitted by Cllr Peggy O'Dwyer, Cllr Hazel Smyth, and Cllr Vincent Jackson will be carried over to the next meeting.

Motions submitted by Cllr Peter Hamilton, Cllr Charlie O'Connor, Cllr Mark Leigh were discussed.

- Cllr Paul Ross motion was discussed, he requested more information. Joseph Ruane advised we would ask Mairead Lyons, Head of Disabilities to contact Cllr Ross regarding motion.
- Cllr Vanessa Liston is still waiting on a response for her motion and explained the basis for her motion. Anne O'Shea acknowledged it is really complex in terms of the distribution to GPs, they are private businesses and while the HSE has a contract with the GP in terms of the roll out of the vaccination, we are involved at our level but we have attempted to get some sense of the strategy.
- Cllr Máire Devine expressed her disappointment with the MCH response. They advised her the report would be available soon. She requested we write to the MCH and ask for them to forward the report. Máire also requested a presentation for a future date

5. Questions:

Responses to questions submitted were circulated to members.

Chairperson's Correspondence

Nil

6. Any Other Business

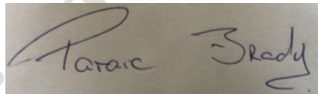
Cllr Gerry O'Neill and Cllr Frankie Keena spoke about Crooksling and asked for clarification if the HSE is planning to sell. Anne O'Shea confirmed the decision will be between the Minister and Paul Reid

Cllr PJ Reilly and Cllr Charlie O'Connor queried upcoming meetings/AGM if they will be held virtually. Joseph stated we would follow Public Health advice regarding this. The next meeting in May is confirmed as virtual

7. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the Regional Health Forum Dublin Mid Leinster will take place on Tuesday, 18th May 2021 Virtually.

The next meeting of the Regional Health Forum – Dublin Mid Leinster Joint Committee will take place on Tuesday, 15th June 2021



Signed:

_____ **Chairperson**