

REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM - DUBLIN MID LEINSTER

FÓRAM RÉIGIÚNACH SLÁINTE - BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH – LAR LAIGHEAN

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 20TH JULY, 2021 AT 2:00PM

VIRTUAL MEETING

Members Present

Cllr. Charlie O'Connor
Cllr. Patsy Glennon
Cllr Aoife Flynn Kennedy
Cllr. Carrie Smyth
Cllr. Jim Gildea
Cllr. Anna Grainger
Cllr David Quinn
Cllr Dermot Lacey

Cllr. Frankie Keena
Cllr. Mary Freehill
Cllr Paschal McEvoy
Cllr Mark Leigh
Cllr. Tom Farrell
Cllr. Vanessa Liston
Cllr. Ann Breen
Cllr PJ Reilly

Cllr Ann Feeney
Cllr Maire Devine
Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick
Cllr Deirdre Conroy
Cllr Vincent Jackson
Cllr Paul Ross
Cllr. Paraic Brady

Apologies

Eilish Hardiman
Cllr. Gerry O'Neill

Cllr. Joe Behan
Orla Claffey DMHG

Cllr. Peggy O'Dwyer
Cllr Deirdre O'Donovan

Not in Attendance

Cllr. Kenneth Egan
Cllr Cathal King
Cllr Padraig Fleming
Cllr Tony McCormack
Cllr Derren Ó Brádaigh

Cllr Una Power
Cllr. Hazel Smyth
Cllr Sean O'Brien
Cllr Teresa Costello

Cllr Thomasina O'Connell
Cllr. Justin Moylan
Cllr Peter Hamilton
Cllr. David McManus

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

Carol McCann, IT Consultant, CHO8
Fran Thompson, HSE Chief Information Officer
Dr Katharine Harkin, Public Health, Midlands
Fiona McGuire, SpR

1. Election of Chairperson

Padraic Brady expressed his thanks to the Forum members and the HSE staff. He again stressed how he feels it is important that the representatives have a dedicated phone number for vaccinations. I have emailed David Walsh and Damien McCallium on this

Cllr Charlie O'Connor nominated PJ Reilly as chairperson, and this was seconded by Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick. PJ thanked everyone and is looking forward to working with the RHF for the next 12 months

2. Election of the Vice Chairperson

Cllr Paul Ross nominated Cllr Tom Farrell as vice-chairperson. Cllr Anna Grainger seconded it.

3. Adoption of minutes from meeting held on Tuesday 20th April 2021

Minutes of the Regional Health Forum's meeting held virtually on 20th April 2020 were adopted. Charlie O'Connor reminded the forum of request for a presentation on Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder among children. This was due to take place in May. Advised Charlie we will try and organise for September.

4. 1st Presentation on: ICT Ransomware Attack by Carol McCann, Fran Thompson and Ken Fitzgibbon

Carol McCann spoke from a CHO8 perspective, Ken Fitzgibbon spoke from a Mullingar hospital perspective. Both explained how badly the cyber-attack crippled the HSE. Not all systems are back, those who have are slower than usual and it will take months to recover for this. Both spoke about key learnings if attacked again.

Fran Thompson spoke about the IT challenges every organisation faces, as the HSE is one of the biggest in the state the challenges are enormous and continuous. The attackers targeted individuals and infiltrated that way, the windows 7 issue was not a contributing factor to the attack. The HSE have brought in a company called Mandiant who have been supporting and advising the HSE and we now have multiple lines of defence. These attacks are designed to get around any security measures in place but ongoing investment and measures are in place.

2nd Presentation on: Covid-19 Update by Dr. Katharine Harkin and Fiona McGuire

Katharine went through the structure of Public Health and their role ie Health Protection, Health Improvement, Health Services. Katharine spoke about the 14 day incident rate in the midlands and

how the younger age group has dramatically increased. Events are rapidly evolving as the new variant is more than twice as transmissible. Not clear how this wave will translate into hospital care as it is affecting a different age profile and a partially vaccinated population. There is the potential for new variants so the advice is to get vaccinated and to encourage young people to be vaccinated and to follow public health advice. Katharine also spoke about how the cyber-attack has affected data

Fiona McGuire SpR spoke about the huge concern over Long Covid, it is estimated that 10% of people who have recovered will have Long Covid effects such as pins and needles, brain fog, fatigue. Public health are preparing for an increase in cases and still endorse wearing of face masks and no plans to stop the pods in schools.

A discussion took place after the presentation whereby many members raised questions related to specific projects. Presenters answered questions accordingly

5. Motions:

Cllr Mary Freehill's motion was discussed. Dermot Lacey supports her motion. Ann O'Shea recommend sending an invite to estates to present on the rational. Joseph's office has followed up on this and an email has been sent to estates requesting presentation to include Rathmines and Shankill Primary Care Centres.

6. Questions:

Responses to questions submitted were circulated to members.

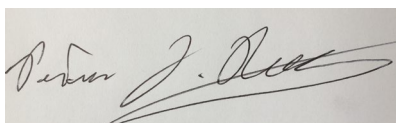
7. Chairperson's Correspondence

Nil

8. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the Regional Health Forum Dublin Mid Leinster Joint Committee will take place on Tuesday, 21st September 2021.

The next meeting of the Regional Health Forum – Dublin Mid Leinster will take place on Tuesday, 19th October 2021



Signed:

Chairperson