Regional Health Forum - Dublin Mid Leinster

Forum Réigiúnach Sláinte - Baile Átha Cliath – Lar Laighean

Minutes of DML Regional Health Forum held on

Tuesday, 20th of September 2022 at 2:00pm

BOARDROOM, HSE Area office , Tullamore, Co. Offaly

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| **Members Present** |  |  |
| Cllr. Frankie Keena  Cllr. Gerry O'Neill  Cllr. Jim Gildea  Cllr. Joe Behan | Cllr. Paschal McEvoy  Cllr. Patsy Glennon  Cllr. Paul Ross  Cllr. Vincent Jackson |  |
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| **Attended Virtually** |  |  |
| Cllr. Carrie Smyth  Cllr. Charlie O'Connor  Cllr. Dave Quinn  Cllr. Dermot Lacey  Cllr. Hazel Smyth | Cllr. Maire Devine  Cllr. Mary Freehill  Cllr. Paraic Brady  Cllr. Peggy O'Dwyer | Cllr. Peter Hamilton  Cllr. Teresa Costello  Cllr. Thomasina Connell  Cllr. Tom Farrell |

**Apologies**

Cllr. Anne Feeney, Cllr. Padraig Fleming, Cllr. Anne Breen, Cllr. Derren Ó Brádaigh, Cllr. PJ Reilly, Mary O’Kelly - Interim Chief Officer, Dublin South, Kildare & West Wicklow Community Healthcare, Robert Kelly, Head of Corporate Affairs, CHI

**Not in Attendance**

Cllr. Anna Grainger, Cllr. Aoife Flynn-Kennedy, Cllr. Cathal King, Cllr. David McManus, Cllr. Deirdre O'Donovan, Cllr. Justin Moylan, Cllr. Kenneth Egan, Cllr. Mark Leigh, Cllr. Una Power, Cllr. Vanessa Liston

**Officials Present**

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

Mr James Conway Dublin Midlands Hospital Group

Mr Gearoid Rennick Ireland East Hospital Group

Ms Lorraine Kennedy, Head of Older Persons Services

Ms Sadhbh Brangan, Area Business Manager, CHO6

1. **Adoption of minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 19th of July 2022**

Minutes of the Regional Health Forum’s meeting held on the 21st of July 2022 were adopted.

1. **Health Service Updates**

HSE Service Executive Updates were circulated and noted by members which included updates from:

* Important safety information for the public about Avian Influenza (Bird Flu)
* HSE Launches Policy and Procedure for Safe Surgery
* HSE celebrates the work of Health Service Staff at the Annual Health Service Excellence Awards
* National Cancer Control Programme launches update to the National Clinical Guideline for Patients with Prostate Cancer
* HSE announces free prescription and emergency contraception for 17 to 25 year old women and people
* HSE raises awareness of Sepsis on World Sepsis Day
* HSE highlights the risks of drinking alcohol during pregnancy on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Awareness Day
* Free stress management support is available from the HSE
* HSE Launches Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service - Intellectual Disability National Model of Service
* HSE Marks World Suicide Prevention Day
* New national survey to ask women about their experiences of bereavement care following the loss of a baby
* HSE urges parents to protect their children by registering for school vaccinations
* HSE invites people aged 12-49 with long-term health conditions and Healthcare Workers for their next COVID-19 booster vaccine
* HSE and Department of Health Host Enhanced Community Care Conference 2022

**3. Presentation by Paul McKinney, Operations Director Irish Blood transfusion Service**

Cllr Gildea thanked Paul McKinney for presentation on the Irish Blood transfusion Service and opened the floor for questions and discussions. Questions were posed by Cllr Vincent Jackson, Cllr Pauric Brady, Cllr Anna Grainger, Cllr Dave Quinn, Cllr Sean O’ Brien, Cllr Maire Devine, Cllr Peggy O’ Dwyer, Cllr Frankie Keena, Cllr mary Freehill, Cllr Hazel Smyth, Cllr Tom Farrell, Cllr Gerry O’ Neill, Cllr Joe Behan.

**4. Motions:**

1. The Forum has agreed to write to the Minister for Health
2. The Forum has agreed that this Motion falls.
3. Cllr. Gildea suggested writing to the Minister for Health enclosing Motion . The forum has agreed.
4. The Forum has agreed pass this Motion.
5. Cllr Lacey spoke about disatifaction with response provided to Motion and Ms Sadhbh Brangan provide response on behalf of Ms Martina Queally. A discussion was had on possible smaller group visit.
6. The Forum has agreed pass this Motion.
7. The Forum has agreed pass this Motion.
8. The Forum has agreed pass this Motion.
9. The Forum has agreed to carry this Motion to the following meeting.

**5. Questions:**

Responses to questions submitted were circulated to members, and an outstanding response to question 6 was to be issued.

**6. Chairperson’s Correspondence**

Nil

**8. AOB:**

* Cllr Gerry O’ Neill requested drug addiction re submitted as a topic for presentation.

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

* The next meeting of the DML Health Forum Committee will take place, on Tuesday, 18th of October 2022

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**Cllr Jim Gildea**

**Chairperson**