Regional Health Forum - Dublin Mid Leinster

Fóram Réigiúnach Sláinte - Baile Átha Cliath – Lar Laighean

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday, 23rd July, 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. Dave Quinn | Cllr. Charlie O’Connor |
| Cllr. Paraic Brady | Cllr. Carrie Smyth | Cllr. P.J Reilly |
| Cllr. Michael Watters | Cllr. Anne Breen | Cllr. Gerry O’Neill |
| Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick | Cllr. Peter Hamilton | Cllr. Thomasina Connell |
| Cllr. Jim Gildea  Cllr. Anna Grainger  Cllr. Una Power  Cllr. David McManus  Cllr. Deirdre O’Donovan  Cllr. Tom Farrell | Cllr. Vanessa Liston  Cllr. Peggy O’Dwyer  Cllr. Mark Wall  Cllr. Teresa Costello  Cllr. Hazel Smyth  Cllr. Joe Behan | Cllr. Cormac Devlin  Cllr. Padraig Fleming  Cllr. Paschal McEvoy  Cllr. Paul Ross  Cllr. Tony McCormack  Cllr. Aoife Flynn-Kennedy  Cllr. Frankie Keena |

**Apologies**

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| Mr Pat Bennett, Chief Officer, Midlands Louth Meath Community Healthcare Organisation  Trevor O’Callaghan,  CEO, Dublin Midland Hospital Group | Cllr. Kenneth Egan  Cllr. Sean O’Brien | Cllr. Dermot Lacey |

**Not in Attendance**

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| Cllr. Mary Freehill  Cllr. Cathal King | Cllr. Patsy Glennon | Cllr. Mark Ward |

**Officials Present**

Mr Joseph Ruane, Head of Primary Care, Midlands Louth Meath & acting on behalf of Pat Bennett

Ms. Ann O’Shea, Chief Officer, HSE Community Healthcare East – Dublin South East, Dun Laoghaire & Wicklow

Paula Lawler, Ireland East Hospital Group

Orlagh Claffey, 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. **Election of Chairperson**

Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick chaired the beginning of the meeting, expressing his thanks to Joseph Ruane and the HSE staff whom he found a pleasure to work with as Chairperson and Member of the Forum, praising the incredible value and huge impact the Forum has had.

Cllr. Charlie O’Connor nominated Cllr. Deirdre O’Donovan as Chairperson which was seconded by Cllr. Padraig Fleming and unanimous.

Cllr. O’Donovan thanked Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick for his hard work and dedication.

1. **Election of the Vice Chairperson**

Cllr. Tom Farrell nominated Cllr. Paul Ross, seconded by PJ Reilly.

1. **Adoption of minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 14th May, 2019**

Minutes of the Regional Health Forum’s meeting held in Tullamore on 14th May, 2019 were adopted.

At this point of the meeting Cllr. Charlie O’Connor suggested that the HSE staff introduce themselves and their area to all Members due to large volume of new Members.

1. **Health Service Executive Updates**

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

* HSE welcomes announcement confirming boundaries of new health regions
* CervicalCheck Rapid Review
* Working in the great outdoors? Protect your skin this summer
* HSE welcomes extra €1,000,000 in funding grants to support older people
* Medical Cannabis Access Programme launch enables compassionate access to cannabis for medical reasons
* First meeting of the new HSE board takes place
* HSE’s mychild.ie will be born on the 4th of July
* HSE publishes Trauma System for Ireland Post-Consultation Document
* “Know, Check, Ask” – new HSE campaign to improve people’s awareness and keep track of their medicines

1. **Presentation on the HSE Live**

Cllr Deirdre O’Donovan (Chairperson) introduced Ms Geraldine Charman, to Forum members. Ms Charman gave a detailed presentation on HSE Live – We’re here to help. Members noted

A discussion took place after the presentation whereby a member expressed concern regarding older people without facilities to use HSE Live and a printing facility. Ms Charman explained the facility to print conversations and explained that there are still a very large volume of calls including use of HSE Live.

Chairperson thanked Ms. Geraldine Charman for her presentation.

Cllr. Deirdre O’Donovan requested the possibility of a presentation in the near future on Cervicheck

1. **Motions**

**Motions 1**

That a dedicated 2 bed pallative care unit with ancilliary accommodation be included in the design plans to redevelop St Joseph’s Campus in Longford and We request that Longford Hospice Homecare be consulted in these design plans.

*Cllr.Paul Ross, Cllr. PJ Reilly & Cllr. Padraic Brady*

This motion was noted and passed.

**Motions 2**

That this Regional Health Forum Dublin Mid Leinster reacts with alarm at confirmation of a significant shortage in required staff providing Child and Adolescent mental health services in Dublin South West; will management please appreciate the serious distress that this is causing to many young families, may we have assurances that the crisis is receiving attention and may we have a statement.

*Cllr. Charlie O'Connor*

This motion was noted and passed by Members.

**Motions 3**

Joint Motion: That the Manager reports on the future plans for the St. Brigid’s Nursing Home site at Crooksling, with regard to the impact on elder care provision for the North Kildare, Wicklow and South Dublin Areas.

*Cllr. Gerry O’Neill, Cllr. Patsy Glennon, Cllr. Joe Behan & Cllr. Deirdre O’Donovan.*

This motion was noted and passed.

**Motions 4**

That the HSE give an update on the development of the Endoscopic Unit for Naas

General Hospital. In particular the funding update in order to commence the project.

*Cllr. Peggy O’Dwyer*

This motion was noted and passed by Members.

1. **Questions**

Responses to questions submitted were circulated to members.

1. **Chairperson’s Correspondence**

It was noted that the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson elections include both meetings

* Dublin Mid Leinster Regional Health Forum (held in Tullamore)
* Regional Health Forum dublin mid leinster–joint meeting of the Acute Hospital Services and Populations Health and Primary Community and Continuing Care Committee/ Joint Committee (Held in Naas)

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

The next meeting of the Regional Health Forum – Mid Leinster will take place on Tuesday, 17th September 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**