

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, 23RD MARCH, 2021 AT 2:00PM

VIRTUAL MEETING

Members Present

Cllr. Charlie O'Connor
Cllr. Sean O'Brien
Cllr. Patsy Glennon
Cllr. Carrie Smyth
Cllr. Jim Gildea
Cllr. Joe Behan
Cllr. Anna Grainger
Cllr. David Quinn
Cllr. Pádraig Fleming
Cllr. Teresa Costello

Cllr. Frankie Keena
Cllr. Mary Freehill
Cllr. Paschal McEvoy
Cllr. Mark Leigh
Cllr. Tom Farrell
Cllr. Vanessa Liston
Cllr. Ann Breen
Cllr. Hazel Smyth
Cllr. Gerry O'Neill
Cllr. Derren O'Brádaig

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. Deirdre O'Donovan

Apologies

Ms. Paula Lawer IEHG

Cllr. Paraic Brady

Not in Attendance

Cllr. Aoife Flynn Kennedy
Cllr. David McManus
Cllr. Kenneth Egan
Cllr. PJ Reilly

Cllr. Tony McCormack
Cllr. Anne Feeney
Cllr. Thomasina Connell

Cllr. Una Power
Cllr. Cathal King
Cllr. Dermot Lacey

Officials Present

Mr Des O'Flynn, Chief Officer, CHO8

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

Ms Eilish Hardiman, Children's Health Ireland, The National Children's Hospital Group.

Ms Dymphna Bracken, Communications Manager, MLM Community Healthcare Organisation

Ms Arlene Crean, Group Communications Manager, DMHG

Ann Bourke, National Disability Specialist, HSE Community Operations National Disabilities

Mairead Lyons, Head of Disabilities, MLM, CHO8

Deborah Jacob, Head of Disabilities, Dublin South, Kildare & West Wicklow. CHO7

1. Adoption of minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 16th February 2021

Minutes of the Regional Health Forum's meeting held on the 16th February 2021 were adopted

2. Health Service Executive Updates

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

- Minister for Health announces two new appointments to the HSE Board
- HSE and Health Research Board launch EU Web Survey to explore current drug trends in Ireland
- Statement from Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Ronan Glynn on AstraZeneca COVID-19 Vaccine
- HSE National Renal Office marks World Kidney Day on Thursday 11th March 2021
- HSE announces extended Counselling Supports for those affected by Illegal Birth Registrations
- The HSE launches three-year Corporate Plan
- HSE 2021 National Service Plan published - Unprecedented €3.5 bn increase in health service funding
- Minister Feighan welcomes British Irish Council ministerial agreement to cooperate on policy initiatives to reduce the harms of drug and alcohol use
- Minister for Health and Minister for Mental Health and Older People welcome new Visitation Guidance for Nursing Homes

3. Presentation on Progressing Disability Services for Children and Young People – National Reform Programme by Ann Bourke

Frankie Keena introduced Ann Bourke to the Forum Members. Ann gave an overview on the background on children's disability services and why the change is needed and the current status and timeline for PDS Implementation, to address the gaps and inequities in access to services. Anne spoke about the lack of clarity for families and referrers on access to services. The objectives of PDS will be based on the child's individual needs, not a diagnosis, working in partnership with families and the best use of resources to help them.

Ann spoke about what is required to implement PDS, the National Access Policy which was developed and agreed between Primary care and disability services and each CHO is responsible for implementing this as well as setting up the Children's Disability Network Teams. Collaborative working between Education & Health, especially when a child is transitioning eg preschool to mainstream school. And also implementing a family centred model, which places the child and family in the centre from day one.

Ann spoke about setting up the 91 Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNT) aligned with the 96 Community Healthcare Networks. Each network will have 1 CDNT for children with complex

needs from birth to 18. Each network will be managed by an agreed Lead Agency. CHO Governance Structures agreed by Chief Officers and Lead Agencies

Ann spoke about how this will move away from the traditional model of 1:1 block therapy and move to supporting and empowering families to work with their child, evidence has shown this is 3 times for effective

Ann finished the presentation by going through the timelines, all Children's Disability Networks will be established by the end of this week and by the end of Q2 all Children's Disability Networks services will have commenced

A discussion took place after the presentation whereby many members raised questions and were answered accordingly. The Chairperson and Councillors thanked Ann Bourke for her informative presentation.

4. Motions:

Motions submitted for discussion by Cllr Mark Leigh, Cllr Charlie O'Connor, Cllr Marie Devine, Anne Breen, Peter Hamilton, Vanessa Liston

Motion 5 submitted by Cllr Joe Behan, Cllr Gerry O'Neill, Cllr Patsy Glennon and Cllr Deirdre O'Donovan was discussed.

"That the HSE provides confirmation that the disposal of the Crooksling site has been halted as per the direction of the Minister for Health to request a review of the Matter" All the councillors agreed to give their support

Anne O'Shea Chief Officer CHO7 spoke from an estates and services perspective She advised the Forum that she is preparing a briefing note to the minister who has expressed interested in the site and that will be made available in the next day of 2 and is very happy to share this information from a HSE perspective.

It was agreed that a letter on behalf of the members of the forum unanimously give their support for the retention of the Crooksling site under HSE ownership, the members are completely against the sale.

5. Questions:

Responses to questions submitted were circulated to members.

Chairperson's Correspondence

Nil

6. Any Other Business

A request for a follow-up presentation on response for young people with Foetal Alcohol Syndrome.


Offaly Members were asked to stay on for a brief talk with Una Fallon, Director of Public Health regarding the high cases of Covid-19 in Offaly

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

The next meeting of the Regional Health Forum Dublin Mid Leinster will take place on Tuesday, 20th April 2021 Virtually.

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

Signed:


Chairperson