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, 16th February, 2021 at 2:00pm

Virtual Meeting

**Members Present**

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| Cllr. Charlie O’Connor | Cllr. Anne Feeney | Cllr. Peggy O’Dwyer |
| Cllr. Paraic BradyCllr Dermot Lacey | Cllr. Mary Freehill Cllr Paschal McEvoy | Cllr Maire DevineCllr Eddie Fitzpatrick |
| Cllr. Carrie Smyth | Cllr Mark Leigh  | Cllr Deirdre Conroy |
| Cllr. Jim GildeaCllr. Joe BehanCllr. Anna GraingerCllr David QuinnCllr Padraig FlemingCllr. Teresa CostelloCllr. Patsy GlennonCllr Peo Dwyer | Cllr. Tom FarrellCllr. Vanessa ListonCllr. Thomasina ConnellCllr. Hazel SmythCllr. Gerry O’NeillCllr. Frankie KeenaCllr PJ Reilly | Cllr Vincent JacksonCllr Peter HamiltonCllr Paul RossCllr Derren O’BrádaighCllr. Justin MoylanCllr. Arlene CreanCllr. Deirdre O’Donovan |

**Apologies**

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| Mr Trevor O’Callaghan CEODM |  |  |

**Not in Attendance**

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| Cllr Aoife Flynn KennedyCllr. David McManusCllr. Kenneth Egan | Cllr. Tony McCormackCllr. Sean O’Brien  | Cllr Una PowerCllr Cathal King  |
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**Officials Present**

Ms Sarah McBride, 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. Paula Lawler, on behalf of Mary Day, CEO, Ireland East Hospital Group.

Mr Ciaran Brennan, Communications Manager, Midlands Louth Meath Community Healthcare Organisation

1. **Adoption of minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 15th December 2020**

Mary Freehill requested a follow-up regarding the Primary Care Centre in Rathmines, which was discussed at the last meeting. She would like a meeting with Anne O’Shea. Anne advised it will be another month or 2 before she will be able to commit to a meeting

1. **Health Service Executive Updates**

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

* Annie Lynch, Ireland’s first vaccine recipient receives second dose of Pfizer BioNtech vaccine
* HSE launches ADHD in Adults National Clinical Programme Model of Care
* Deepest Sympathy’s to Mariter Tarugo’s Family
* Research shows 4 in 5 people who smoke intent to quit
* Obesity Policy and Action Plan Progress Report published
* Minister for Health announces extension to Medical Card eligibility for those with a terminal illness
* Minister Rabbitte announces first tranche of €20m Strengthening Disability Services Fund
* Organ Donation End of Year Statement
1. **Presentation on COVID-19 Vaccinations by Joseph Ruane**

Paraic Brady opened by expressing his disappointment at National for not providing a presentation on vaccinations as was requested by members of the forum. He thanked Joseph Ruane for providing an overview presentation at such short notice.

Joseph gave an overview on the different types of vaccines currently available and some background information on their safety and protection. Among the issues covered were the Public Vaccination Roll out, supply of vaccine, the pathways for GPs to deliver the vaccines to patients and how to register. Joseph also covered the side effects of the vaccines but stressed the importance of vaccination and to continue to follow public health advice ie social distancing, wearing face masks and hand washing even after vaccination.

A discussion took place after the presentation whereby many members raised questions around a number of issues such as:

* Vaccination centres, can people travel to a different county
* The concern over side effects, affecting older people living on their own
* The cost per vial of the different vaccines and their efficacy

There were many questions and most were answered accordingly. Any questions that could not be answered Joseph took note and will contact National for an answer. The Chairperson and Councillors thanked Joseph Ruane for his informative presentation.

1. **Chairperson’s Correspondence**

Cllr Brady thanked Joseph who put the presentation together at short notice. Again expressed his disappointment with national and advised he has emailed the CEO on behalf of the councillors who had suspended the questions and motions in the expectation they would receive a presentation. We will get an answer to any questions that weren’t answered today.

1. **Any Other Business**

Cllr Brady advised that questions and motions may be submitted as normal for the next meeting

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

 The next meeting of the Regional Health Forum – Mid Leinster Joint Committee will take place on Tuesday, 23rd of March 2021

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



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**Chairperson**