

Regional Health Forum South West

Agenda

Regional Health Forum South West Meeting

Date: Thursday 6th November 2025 **Time:** 11am

Venue: Council Chambers, Cork County Hall, Victoria Cross, Cork

1. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 2nd October 2025
2. Chairperson's Correspondence
3. The next Committee Meetings will take place on:
 - South West Committee Meeting on 4th December in Cork

4. Notices of Motion

- (a) "That we ensure that the Cunamh Iveragh Respite Centre in Cahersiveen Co Kerry, serving all of Kerry be open on a seven day a week basis as opposed to its current three day a week service."

Cllr Norma Moriarty

- (b) "That any work the HSE is conducting in tackling vaping as a Public health issue will also include nicotine pouches which are being targeted towards minors also as a tobacco alternative."

Cllr Peter Horgan

- (c) "Following a previous motion I had regarding the vacant HSE buildings in Kerry, how many premises in Kerry are being leased by the HSE and what is the cost of the leased premises and the maintenance costs of the vacant premises?"

Cllr Deirdre Ferris

- (d) "At the last forum meeting I asked a question regarding the huge delay in the opening of the Community Nursing unit in Killarney. I asked was there a fire safety issue or what exactly were the issues causing delays. I was advised by the HSE Officials that they would find out answers to these questions and revert back to me. I have yet to receive a reply can we the members have a reply please."

Cllr Marie Moloney

This motion will be responded to with Motion 4(h) submitted by Cllr Healy Rae.

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- (e) "To ask the HSE for a full update as to the services now being provided at Cobh Primary Care Centre and a timeline also for services currently not being provided but due to be rolled out."

Cllr Dominic Finn

- (f) "That this Forum calls on the HSE South to establish dedicated Crisis Intervention Teams in County Kerry to provide timely, community-based mental health support and thereby reduce the number of individuals presenting at Accident & Emergency Departments in acute distress."

Cllr Mikey Sheehy

- (g) "I, call on the HSE South West to urgently address the inadequacy of bed provision at Bandon Community Hospital, which serves as a vital healthcare facility for Bandon and the wider West Cork region."

Cllr Ann Bambury

- (h) "Can the HSE please confirm the opening date of the new Community Hospital in Killarney."

Jackie Healy Rae

This motion will be responded to with Motion 4(d) submitted by Cllr Moloney.

5. Questions

- (a) "Can we please get a detailed update on the recruitment of HCA's and nurses into the various vacant posts in Cahersiveen Community Hospital?"

Cllr Norma Moriarty

- (b) "To ask the breakdown in Primary Care under each new IHA section, in tabular form, for Cork and Kerry of waiting lists by therapy and age and time waiting for intervention and the gaps in therapists in each IHA by therapy."

Cllr Peter Horgan

- (c) "Can the members get an update on the standalone Oncology Unit for Kerry?"

Cllr Deirdre Ferris

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(d) "Can we the members be advised of what facilities are available to adults who seek appointments to ascertain if they have autism or are neurodiverse and who were never diagnosed as children. Adults are being told there are no appointments in Kerry and are not allowed to seek appointments outside of the county. If this is the case I propose that at least one appointment slot be available to adults weekly."

Cllr Marie Moloney

(e) "To ask for an update regarding the previous consideration of an empty unit at the Primary Care Centre in Cobh as an ambulance base."

Cllr Dominic Finn

(f) "What is the average waiting time for home support package approval in Kerry?"

Cllr Mikey Sheehy

(g) "When will Kenmare Hospital receive additional staffing across all divisions from nursing staff to catering?"

Cllr Jackie Healy Rae

6. Date and Time of next meeting – Thursday, 26th February 2026 at 11am in Council Chambers, Kerry County Council, Rathass, Tralee, Co Kerry.