## **REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM**

**Chairperson, Cllr. Declan Burgess** 

# Agenda Regional Health Forum South Meeting

**Date:** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> of May 2022 Time: 2.00pm **Venue:** Council Chambers, County Hall, Victoria Cross, Cork.

- 1. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2022.
- 2. Chairperson's Correspondence
- 3. The next Committee Meetings will take place on:
  - South East Committee Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2022
  - South West Committee Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> of October 2022
- 4. Presentation on Long Covid to be given by Dr Arthur Jackson, Consultant Physician, Cork University Hospital.

#### 5. Notices of Motion

(a) "That the HSE outlines the progress, if any, on the proposed new residential unit at Saint Patrick's Hospital, Cashel and the planning of this development."

**Clir Declan Burgess** 

(b) "That this forum supports the Bandon Family Resource Centre (BFRC) in their request for being accommodated in the the recently vacated Watergate centre (mental health resource centre) as their current accommodation is not fit for purpose and no suitable premises has been identified after a 12-month search."

Cllr Sean O'Donovan

(c) "That the HSE provide more respite beds for the catchment area of North Kerry."

#### **Cllr Michael Foley**

(d) "That this forum supports my call to support those persons and their families who are struggling with eating disorders in every way possible including the expansion of services to allow

for clearer pathways to enter the HSE service and to access services once under the care of the HSE on an I going basis."

**Cllr Mikey Sheehy** 

(e) "To ask the HSE how many GP positions are currently vacant in Co. Wexford and for how long they have been vacant."

**Clir Cathal Byrne** 

#### 6. Questions

(a) "Can HSE management brief the meeting on the replacement process of a Doctor at the Minor Injuries Unit at Our Lady's Hospital Cashel. Please advise on the situation that left this service fall short with the necessary staffing levels that led to the closure and how long this service will be closed."

#### **Clir Declan Burgess**

(b) "What is the process followed by the HSE to hire overseas consultant doctors as consultants in Ireland considering their previous experience and with consideration to licensing requirements from the Irish Medical Council. This being at a time when there is a severe shortage of this highly qualified cohort of medical professionals in Ireland."

### **Cllr Mikey Sheehy**

(c) "What is the up to date position of HSE regarding the provision of public information for early detection, diagnosis and treatment of Lymes Disease."

**Cllr John Coonan** 

(d) "To ask the HSE what % of GP positions in Co. Wexford are filled by people not on the specialist GP register."

**Clir Cathal Byrne** 

7. Date and Time of next meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> of June 2022 at 2pm, The Oriel House Hotel, Ballincollig, Co Cork