

Agenda Regional Health Forum South Meeting

Date: Thursday 24th of February 2022 **Time:** 2.00pm

Venue: The Oriel House Hotel, Ballincollig, Co Cork

1. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 2nd of December 2021.
2. Chairperson's Correspondence
3. The next Committee Meetings will take place on:
 - South East Committee Meeting held on 1st of March 2022
 - South West Committee Meeting held on 3rd of March 2022
4. **Connecting for Life, Ireland's National Strategy to Reduce Suicide 2015-2024**
Tracy Nugent, HSE Resource Officer for Suicide Prevention, South East Community Healthcare
Martin Ryan, HSE Resource Officer for Suicide Prevention, Cork/Kerry Community Healthcare

5. Notices of Motion

- (a) "In light of the unacceptable sub standard and a serious deficit of CAMHS services in South Kerry, that an urgent report on the delivery of CAMHS, county by county be outlined to the Forum."

Cllr John Coonan
- (b) "Regarding the ongoing issues of recruiting and retaining home care workers in the Non Government Organisation (NGO) sector in the South East, will the HSE consider giving money towards mileage for section 39 Home Care Workers."

Cllr Richie Molloy
- (c) "That this Forum will progress policy regarding our retained fire service members, that they be able to assist the National Ambulance Services as first responders and to be deployed in cardiac arrest calls to help alleviate the pressures on the NAS. That sufficient adequate training be provided to firefighters so as they can safely provide this service. And that permission be sought from the HSE National Ambulance service to be able to assist them and provide this service, and that immediate engagement commence to allow this service to be up and running as soon as possible".

Cllr Mary Lenihan Foley

This Motion will be taken with Question 6(c)

- (d) "That the HSE would ensure the drug Cariban for the treatment of Hyperemesis Gravidarum and pregnancy sickness would be available as required by pregnant women attending both in-patient and out-patient maternity services. At present only a number of hospitals offer this medication to pregnant women attending in-patient services. Those not able to avail of these services must purchase the medication themselves at significant cost. Pregnancy Sickness is a very serious condition and should be considered as such".

Cllr Conor McGuinness

- (e) "That this Forum is provided with an update on the recruitment process for extra nurses at West Kerry Community Hospital so that the closed ward can be opened for West Kerry patients."

Cllr Mikey Sheehy

- (f) "Can the HSE please outline whether there are any plans to develop the old Health Centre building which forms part of the Macroom Community Hospital grounds and had previously been ear-marked as a potential Day Care Centre for the elderly."

Cllr Eileen Lynch

- (g) "I wish to propose that the HSE put a formalised overflow system in place to deal with urgent Mental Health cases to ensure no one is turned away without a place to go for help or support. When the mental health services in the hospital in Tralee reaches bed capacity another service needs to be put in place to support /admit people who present with high levels of need, and given the geographic distance from Tralee and the consequent additional risks attached for a person in such a state of distress, we request that this support be put in place in South Kerry itself."

Cllr Norma Moriarty

6. Questions

- (a) "That an update be provided of the structures of the HSE's Communications Services in this area to the Forum."

Cllr John Coonan

- (b) "What is the current status in the South East of providing Home Care for those who have been approved for it."

Cllr Patrick Dunphy

- (c) "That this Forum like others throughout the Country would back the proposed NAS/Fire Service Co-Responder Scheme roll out across the County to assist the ambulance service to respond to 999 emergency calls as quickly as possible."

Cllr Mary Lenihan Foley

This Question will be taken with Motion 5(c)

- (d) "The Tullow Primary Care Centre was to have started in 2020. Nothing has happened regarding this build. Where are we on the plans for Tullow Primary Centre. Is it on the agenda of the HSE for construction. Has there been contact with Carlow County Council regarding pre planning for the building."

Cllr John McDonald

- (e) "To ask the total quantum of additional ICU capacity added to the South/South West Hospital Group/Ireland East Hospital Group from March 2020 to present"

Cllr Conor McGuinness

- (f) "Can the SSWHG confirm which of the following elective work is restored fully in UHK - ENT, Gynaecology, Orthopaedics and Surgery and what are the plans to expand theatre space in the immediate future / short term in order to ensure all consultants are appropriately resourced to alleviate waiting lists and avoid undue usage of NTPF."

Cllr Mikey Sheehy

- (g) "In relation to the recent restructure of community based drug and alcohol services in Cork and Kerry, can the HSE please outline the number of staff allocated to the new "Hub and Spoke" model in comparison with the previous community model, including their locations, and the extent of services to be provided to communities outside of the six core hubs."

Cllr Eileen Lynch

- (h) "Will the HSE support in all ways possible a call for increased Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) funding to Kerry to assist with the provision of therapeutic care to our young people and families impacted with Mental Health concerns."

Cllr Norma Moriarty

7. Date and Time of next meeting – 24th of March 2022 at 2pm, The Oriel House Hotel, Ballincollig, Co Cork.