

Agenda Regional Health Forum South Meeting

Date: Thursday 18th November 2021 Time: 2.00pm
Venue: Virtual Meeting via Webex

1. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 16th September 2021
2. Chairperson's Correspondence
3. The next Committee Meetings will take place on:
 - South East Committee Meeting held on 7th of December 2021
 - South West Committee Meeting held on 9th of December 2021

4. Notices of Motion

- (a) "That SSWHG update and make operational forthwith the Helicopter Landing Pad at UHW in the interest of acute causality survivability and the expected operational infrastructure of a Level 4 Regional medical facility."

Cllr Jody Power

- (b) "We, as elected representatives of the East Cork Municipal District, request the HSE to directly assess the potential impact of the proposed closure of the Owenacurra Centre, Midleton on residents and families, and the broader cohort of service-users with similar needs in the region, examining, in particular:

How do each of these potential alternative long-stay / respite placements in Cork compare to the Owenacurra Centre in respect of the following:

- i) proximity to an urban centre and connectivity to an urban centre by footpath
- ii) availability of public transport - frequency of buses/trains
- iii) staff to client ratio
- iv) single-room occupancy vs shared-room accommodation (please specify numbers of residents per room for each possible alternative placement)
- v) proximity to Midleton for family contact and reconnection with friends and community activities
- vi) regulated / not regulated by the Mental Health Commission
- vii) most recent Mental Health Commission compliance ratings
- vii) most recent rating on Regulation 22 (Premises) of the Mental Health Commission inspection report
- viii) Room dimensions and how they compare with existing accommodation

What service plan is in place for people more generally under the care of the Midleton/Youghal and Cobh/Glenville Adult Mental Health Teams with severe and enduring mental illness who require long-stay or respite placement into the future in the event that

the Owenacurra Centre is closed permanently? How does this service-plan match requirements by the HSE's policy on the community-based rehabilitation of this client group (the *Sharing the Vision* document, for example) and the Mental Health Commission's guidance on the rehabilitation and care of this client group."

Cllr Susan McCarthy
Cllr Mary Lenihan Foley
Cllr Anne-Marie Ahern

- (c) "What are the steps to be taken, the maximum amount of hours given and also the timeframe involved for a person to receive Home Care Hours or Extra Home Care Hours, especially when their condition worsens. If a patient is being released from hospital how does one get the Extra Home Care Hours in order for them to live at home. I am aware that this is Government Policy as well as HSE Policy and which the public prefer also. It seems as if there is a delay in granting Extra Home Care Hours or New Home Care Hours. Most feel this should be in place as the person is being released from Hospital. Can you let us know why this is not the case currently."

Cllr Pat Dunphy

- (d) "That a mental health nurse to co-ordinate wellness and wellbeing activities in South West Kerry on a par with the excellent work being facilitated through the provision of such a position in West Cork be provided."

Cllr Norma Moriarty

- (e) "Based on the number of recent complaints received through Councillors, TDs and social media it's obvious that the current Ambulance Service in Kerry is totally inadequate. What immediate measures can be implemented to improve the current service?"

Cllr Mike Kennelly

- (f) "That the South/South West Hospital Group offers supports to elderly patients by the implementation of specific protocols to allow advocates of patients to be present or specifically communicated with at critical and decision making stages of care."

Cllr Mikey Sheehy

5. Questions

- (a) "Acknowledging the demand for 24/7 Cardiac Care in the South East region, with a hinterland population of over 500,000, what initiatives are currently in train to realise this critical medical infrastructure."

Cllr Jody Power

- (b) "With HIQA's condition to have the new residential development for long stay residents at Saint Patricks Hospital, Cashel, operational by the end of 2021 not going to materialize despite all the promises. With the facility at Our Lady's Hospital Complex only licensed by

HIQA for three years, could I have a detailed account of what, if anything, is planned for the long term care of senior residents in Cashel.”

Cllr Declan Burgess

- (c) “Can we please be provided with a specific report on the provision of South Doc services in the West Iveragh area (Kells to Castlecove) and details on what arrangements are and will be in place for that service. e.g Numbers of locum doctors, durations of time they have committed to and any ongoing recruitment being carried out and issues that are hindering same?”

Cllr Norma Moriarty

- (d) “What is the update position on the development on all primary care centres in Kerry?”

Cllr Niall Kelleher

- (e) “What is the current staffing shortfall in the following areas at UHK presently; i) Nursing ii) Administration; iii) Consultants; iii) Laboratory staff?”

Cllr Mikey Sheehy

- (f) “Can the HSE advise as to when there will be a full return of adult disability day services in Cork County and advise as to how many adult disability centres in Cork County have resumed their services to full pre Covid levels.”

Cllr Eileen Lynch

- 6. Date and Time of next meeting – 2nd December 2021 at 2pm, **Format of meeting to be decided closer to the date.**