

REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM

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Agenda Regional Health Forum South Meeting

Date: Thursday 22nd September 2016 **Time:** 2.00pm
Venue: Council Chambers, County Hall, Cork.

1. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 23rd June 2016.

- 1.1 "To ask the HSE to request a spokesperson from the Irish Blood Transfusion Service, to come before this Forum, and explain why large amounts of perfectly good blood is being disposed of, from people who have haemochromatosis?"

Cllr John Joe Culloty

Dr William Murphy, Medical and Scientific Director, IBTS to respond to the Question from Forum Meeting held June 2016.

2. Chairperson's Correspondence

3. The next Committee Meetings of the Regional Health Forum South:

- (a) South East Committee Meeting to be held on 11th October 2016.
 - (b) South West Committee Meeting to be held on 13th October 2016.

4. Notices of Motion

- (a) "That this Forum calls on the HSE personnel to finally get to grips with the situation at Our Lady's Hospital, Cashel, the Le Cairde Unit on the hospital complex and Saint Patrick's Hospital, as all pronouncements to date have failed to materialise and that the Area Manager for Primary, Community and Continuing Care would come to Cashel at the earliest opportunity to address the concerns of staff, patients and families."

Cllr. Tom Wood

- (b) "That the HSE with immediate effect, Secure the current position of the Rheumatologist in The University Hospital Kerry."

Cllr. Mike Kennelly

Please also refer to Motion (c) from Cllr. John Joe Culloty and Question (h) from Cllr. Damian Quigg

- (c) "To call on the HSE to immediately provide and Advanced Nurse Practitioner to University Hospital Kerry, as the Consultant Rheumatologist cannot cope with the demands made on him at present."

Cllr. John Joe Culloty

Please also refer to Motion (b) from Cllr. Mike Kennelly and Question (h) from Cllr. Damian Quigg

- (d) "That the HSE South ensure that no child is waiting 48 months to be seen by a hearing specialist as it can affect the child's development."

Cllr. Arthur McDonald

- (e) "That the HSE would publish a full report on the development of a helicopter landing site at CUH and would include all details pertaining to this development including cost, location, capacity, planning, environmental impact assessments and mitigation measures, engagement with stakeholders (including local residents), and timeframe for completion."

Cllr. John Buttimer

- (f) "The Minister for Health made an announcement in June of forty million for home help, how much of this money is a portioned to County Kerry?"

Cllr. Johnny Healy-Rae

- (g) "That this Forum support my notice of motion to put measures in place where all expectant Women would receive free routine detailed scans in order to rule out any organ deficiencies prior to the birth of their child."

Cllr. Damian Quigg

- (h) "What is the HSE policy and the waiting time involved for remedial surgery of a fractured humerus, in cases of original misdiagnosis?"

Cllr. Breda Gardner

- (i) "That the Hse give a report on currents statistics for the last 3 years for TB (tuberculosis) in the Cork region in particular, and the South Western region as a whole. What responses are been allocated by HSE to combat the disease and should a public awareness programme be initiated also."

Cllr. Deirdre Forde

5. Questions

- (a) Will the 40 bed modular unit, at an estimated weekly cost of 60,000 euro per week, regarded as an interim solution to relieve the trolley situation at South Tipperary General Hospital be in place before the onset of winter as expected by the Consultants who met with Minister Harris earlier this summer?

Cllr Tom Wood

- (b) "Will the HSE confirm that the people attending Lantern Lodge in Killarney continue to receive the same services of food, showering, laundry etc. when they move to Leawood House?"

Cllr. Joe Culloty

Please also refer to Question (g) from Cllr. Damian Quigg

- (c) "When will the location of the new Tir na nOg Respite House be made known to the families of the children who attend this facility as there is no longer a respite service in Carlow for these children. Also that a commitment for the new school be given from the HSE South that the Holy Angels get their new build as soon as possible."

Cllr. Arthur McDonald

- (d) "I would like to question the situation with patients in nursing homes participating in the Fair Deal Scheme where 80% of their pension is taken for their stay costs. With regards, to the remaining 20%, it is known to be used towards miscellaneous expenditure, i.e. daily newspapers/tuck shop etc. Is there an option for patients to opt out of this payment, as one patient in particular needed a dentist visit, and didn't have any disposable income in order to pay for a taxi transfer? Should they have a confirmed agreement prior to this 20% allocation to other services?"

Cllr Henry Cremin

- (e) "What is the up-to-date position on the sale of the former Castleisland Health Centre in College Road, Castleisland."

Cllr. Bobby O'Connell

- (f) "To ask the HSE if it can undertake a review of alarm systems in the new Acute Mental Health Unit at CUH to ensure that alarms once responded to and verified can be cancelled as quickly as possible. The Unit is adjacent to a residential area noise from alarms has potential to cause a disturbance."

Cllr. John Buttimer

- (g) "To ask the HSE, will the patients of Lantern Lodge get the same treatment in Leawood House by way of meals and showering facilities?"

Cllr. Johnny Healy-Rae

Please also refer to Question (b) from Cllr. John Joe Culloty

- (h) "What is the current waiting time for patients awaiting rheumatologist appointments at UHK?"

Cllr. Damian Quigg

Please also refer to Motion (b) from Cllr. Mike Kennelly and Motion (c) from Cllr. John Joe Culloty

- (i) "Can St Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny, detail the procedures and safeguards which are in place, to ensure that fractures are correctly diagnosed?"

Cllr. Breda Gardner

6. Date and Time of next meeting – 3rd November 2016, at 2pm in Council Chambers, County Hall, Cork.