

Agenda Regional Health Forum South Meeting

Date: Thursday 2nd December 2021 Time: 2.00pm

Venue: Virtual Meeting via Webex

1. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 18th November 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. Update on Covid 19 and Vaccine Roll out

5. Notices of Motion

Deferred from November Regional Health Forum Meeting:

- (a) "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
- (b) "As there are only 4 ambulances in West Cork most of which are not even in the West Cork vicinity a lot of the time, does the HSE have any plans on providing better ambulance service with extra paramedics to the area? If not so I am calling on the HSE to provide extra ambulances and paramedics to the area."

Cllr Danny Collins
- (c) "Can management please advise if there is any plans to improve the derelict appearance of the former gate lodge at Our Lady's Hospital Complex in Cashel? It's a protected structure in the heart of a heritage town and it needs some attention".

Cllr Declan Burgess

- (d) "As considerable confusion exists in the minds of the public, in relation to the entitlement or otherwise of Medical Centres to charge the over 70's for blood tests, that clarity be provided would be provided in relation to this?"

Cllr John O'Donoghue

- (e) "That this forum invites Minister Stephen Donnelly to visit University Hospital Kerry as a matter of urgency."

Cllr Mikey Sheehy

Deferred from November Regional Health Forum Meeting:

- (f) "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

6. Questions

- (a) "What is the average length of time that it takes this South/South West Hospital Group to employ a staff member from when the vacancy arises to the post being filled?"

Cllr Mikey Sheehy

- (b) "Can the HSE advise of the estimated time frame for when the new outpatient ophthalmology services for the South/South West area currently being developed in Ballincollig, County Cork will be fully operational."

Cllr Eileen Lynch

- (c) "Can we have an update on the use of the "new Merck treatment " for Covid-19 in any of the Hospitals in this region or any other trials in relation to treatment of Covid-19 ongoing at present."

Cllr Roger Kennedy

Deferred from November Regional Health Forum Meeting:

- (d) "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

7. Date and Time of next meeting – February 2021 at 2pm, **format and date to be decided.**