

Agenda Regional Health Forum South Meeting

Date: Thursday 16th September 2021 Time: 2.00pm
Venue: Virtual Meeting

1. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 25th of March 2021
2. Chairperson's Correspondence
3. The next Committee Meetings will take place on:
 - South East Committee Meeting held on 19th of October 2021
 - South West Committee Meeting held on 21st of October 2021

4. Notices of Motion

- (a) "Please provide an update on Primary Care Unit for Youghal area, how far along are we on this?"

Cllr Mary Linehan Foley

- (b) "Why have people in Carlow to endure long delays to access the ambulances? The system has been changed and this current system is not working. Can we revert to a better system where such long delays are not occurring?"

Cllr Arthur McDonald

- (c) "That the HSE, recognising the challenge of recruitment General Practitioners, especially in Rural Areas would engage with the various stakeholders (GMS, HSE, Irish Medical Organisation etc.) to ensure that there are a variety of flexible solutions to meet local needs such as salary GPs , and other supports."

Cllr John Sheehan

- (d) "That we ensure a full examination of Ambulance Provision in the region as we are experiencing far too many delays, and inter county call outs which are exacerbated by log jams in hospital admissions. Dynamic Deployment as an approach it seems, is better suited to some geographical areas than others and if it is to be pursued, then more bases may very well be required to allow for sufficient coverage."

Cllr Norma Moriarty

(e) "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

(f) "That the HSE would provide an update on the ongoing refurbishment and extension works to Macroom Hospital, to include any information regarding when the works will be completed."

Cllr Eileen Lynch

(g) "That this forum and the SSWG supports fully vaccinated partners of pregnant women by re introducing visiting rights to pre COVID19 pandemic access for the birth of their child, pre labour scans, consultations and post labour partner support."

Cllr Mikey Sheehy

5. Questions

(a) "To ask the HSE what are the total number of Hospital Consultants positions in Cork University Hospital and what number and percentage are either not currently filled or filled by locum Consultants."

Cllr John Sheehan

(b) "Is there a clear schedule for the re-opening of Day Care centres available and or steps or milestones that need to be met to allow for same?"

Cllr Norma Moriarty

(c) "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

(d) "That the HSE would provide an update on the ongoing refurbishment and extension work to Millstreet Community Hospital, to include information regarding when the works will be completed."

Cllr Eileen Lynch

(e) "When will the vacant diabetic podiatrist postilion be filled at UHK and will the hospital commit to filling the post to the same professional standard as the recently retired podiatrist."

Cllr Mikey Sheehy

6. Date and Time of next meeting – 18th November 2021 at 2pm.