

# REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM

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## **Agenda Regional Health Forum South Meeting**

**Date:** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2013. **Time:** 2pm.  
**Venue:** Council Chambers, County Hall, Cork.

1. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous Meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2013
2. Chairperson's Correspondence
  - Adoption of Annual Report 2012
3. Reports by Chairpersons of
  - (a) Acute Hospitals Services and Population Health Committee
  - (b) PCCC Committeeboth held Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2013 in Kilkenny.
- 3.1 Reports from Committees:
  - Report on Emerald Project, St Luke's General Hospital – Ms Anna-Marie Lanigan, Area Manager, Carlow, Kilkenny and South Tipperary
  - Overview of the Substance Misuse Services within the Southeast – Dr Derval Howley, Regional Coordinator for Social Inclusion & Substance Misuse HSE (SE).

## **4. Notices of Motion**

- (a) "To request the HSE to end the current practice of having male and female patients sharing the same hospital ward as it does not ensure the protection of patient dignity and can create embarrassing situations for patients, it is totally inappropriate for this practice to continue in multi-bed wards."

**Cllr. Brendan Cronin**

- (b) "That following the recent media reports that there was no suitable helicopter landing area in Cork University Hospital, that the HSE would put a suitable & adequate onsite helipad in place as a matter of urgency to ensure that the HSE can facilitate the transfer & landing of all patients straight to the hospital which is the major trauma centre for the region and give an up to date report on the reasons for the delays in this to date."

**PLEASE REFER TO NOTICE OF MOTION 4(c) SUBMITTED BY CLLR JOHN BUTTIMER AND NOTICE OF MOTION 4(d) SUBMITTED BY CLLR. MARY SHIELDS**

**Cllr. Frank O'Flynn**

- (c) "That the HSE would publish an updated report of the status of the helicopter landing pad for CUH/CUMH Campus and that this report would set a date by which such a facility will be operational. The report should also state the class of helicopter being catered for and the range such helicopters can travel."

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**Cllr. John Buttimer**

- (d) "It is imperative that the HSE recognise the importance of providing a landing area for a 'Helipad' on the grounds of Cork University Hospital. The aforementioned is the largest Hospital in Ireland, currently housing 800 beds which will increase to 1,000 upon the opening of an €85m Cardiac unit.

It should be noted that CUH is the only level 1 Trauma Centre in the country specializing in over 40 different medical and surgical procedures on campus."

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**Cllr. Mary Shields**

- (e) "In light of the recent consumer Association survey findings of up to 200% price differential in some drug retail prices is there a need to change the supply mode to reduce expenditure in Drugs as a method of cost savings. This would enable funding for the provision of essential services."

**Cllr. John O'Sullivan**

- (f) "In light of the ongoing increasing pressure on all our hospital and nursing home services, that a full review of the efficiency and effectiveness of home help and home support services be undertaken by HSE South."

**Cllr. John Coonan**

## **5. Questions**

- (a) "What is the current waiting period in Kerry for a child that is diagnosed as requiring orthodontic treatment until treatment actually begins and how many Kerry patients are waiting for such treatment?"

**Cllr. Brendan Cronin**

- (b) "To ask the HSE South in relation to the HSE Ambulance Re-configuration to outline the changes in the service due to relocation of the ambulance base Central Command to Central Location (Dublin), the Number of ambulances on call by day 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. in Cork City/County, the areas to which they are assigned and to comment on reports of queuing of ambulances at A&E locations across the city and the protocol for managing same?"

**Cllr. John Buttimer**

- (c) "What was the expenditure on legal services for Child Care/Child Protection for Q4 in 2012 for HSE Carlow/Kilkenny?"

**Cllr. Wayne Fennell**

- (d) "What is the plan for elder care in the town of Bandon, in particular the need to future proof the future of Bandon Community Hospital?"

**Cllr. John O Sullivan**

- (e) "What is the up to date position of response to the HSE policy of contractual arrangement of employing recently qualified nurses to the service at the rate of 80% of basic salary?"

**Cllr. John Coonan**

6. Date and Time of next meeting – **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 at 2pm, Council Chambers, County Hall, Cork**