

REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM

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Agenda Regional Health Forum South Meeting

Date: Thursday 14th of November, 2013. **Time:** 2pm.

Venue: Council Chambers, County Hall, Cork.

1. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous Meeting held on Thursday 19th of September, 2013
2. Chairperson's Correspondence
3. Reports by Chairpersons of the
 - (a) Acute Hospitals Services and Population Health Committee
 - (b) PCCC Committee

both held on Thursday the 17th of October, 2013 in Cork.

4. Notices of Motion

- (a) "To ask why the four geographically based Intervention & Disability Service teams which were to deliver important services to children with a range of disabilities in Kerry are not operating in the County considering that these vital services were to be available locally to families from Sept 30th 2013"
- (b) "That the HSE would outline the changes that have been implemented in the interpretation of the Guidelines for GMS Eligibility in the past year which have impacted negatively on so many individuals and families, outlining in the response the processing time and how many people (adults and children) who had GMS card eligibility have been declared ineligible on renewal or review and the reasons given for the decisions, the number of new applicants who have been refused GMS cards and the reasons given for the decisions, how many patients with a cancer diagnosis have been refused medical cards and the reasons given for the decisions, and the change in the interpretation of the discretion which were previously afforded to seriously ill patients who applied for GMS cards."

Cllr. Brendan Cronin

Cllr. Frank O'Flynn

- (c) "That the HSE develop contracts with Service Providers and medical professionals to ensure that all involved in the delivery of care, including the Department of Health and the HSE, are open, honest, and forthcoming with information for patients, to include information in relation to adverse events and that consideration is given to the introduction of 'no fault' systems to ensure a willingness to engage in dialogue when things go wrong."

Cllr. John Buttimer

- (d) "To call on the HSE, and the National Ambulance Service, to have the second Emergency Ambulance reinstated in Killarney. Several Killarney GPs have expressed concerns that the loss of the second Emergency Ambulance could be detrimental to patient safety in Killarney and the surrounding areas."

Cllr. John Joe Culloty

5. Questions

- (a) "Is it the intention of the HSE to sell St Finans Hospital, Killarney, now that it is closed and to clarify how many acres of land are in HSE ownership associated with this hospital in Killarney?"

Cllr. Brendan Cronin

- (b) "With regard to Abbeyfield House, Curraheen Road, which was recently purchased, suitably refurbished and opened as a centre for girls who needed HSE care, to help them to get their lives back on track -

Why is the official sign removed and the centre closed?
What are HSE plans for the future use of this building?"

Cllr. Mary Shields

- (c) "To ask the HSE, for Cork City and County, to list the capital projects completed since 2009, their location, the number of staff associated with the development and the purpose of the development. In the reply would the HSE also include projects for which funding has been agreed but not yet completed."

John Buttimer

- (d) "What plans have the HSE South put in place and what is the cost of implementing the HIQA Recommendations made due to the Savita Halappanavar case for the Maternity Unit at St. Luke's in Kilkenny?"

Cllr. Wayne Fennell

- (e) "What is the current situation in relation to the Blood Transfusion Service taking blood from Haemochromatosis sufferers?"

Cllr. John Joe Culloty

6. Date and Time of next meeting – Thursday 27th of February, 2013 at 2pm, Council Chambers, County Hall, Cork – to be confirmed