

Agenda Regional Health Forum South Meeting

Date: Thursday 1st May 2025 **Time:** 11am

Venue: Council Chambers, Cork County Hall, Victoria Cross, Cork

1. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 27th March 2025.
2. Chairperson's Correspondence
3. The next Committee Meetings will take place on:
 - South East Committee Meeting on 7th October 2025 in Kilkenny
 - South West Committee Meeting on 9th October 2025 in Tralee

4. Notices of Motion

- (a) "That the HSE provide an update on the Primary Care Centre for Youghal and a timeline on same."

Cllr Mary Lenihan Foley
- (b) "How many community hospital beds are available in Cork County for long-term stay patients? How many people are currently awaiting the fair deal scheme in Cork County? And how many people are availing of the fair deal scheme in Cork County? Lastly, what is the bed capacity across Cork County between both private nursing homes and HSE community hospitals for long-term care?"

Cllr Ann Bambury
- (c) "That this Forum urges the HSE and hospitals within the Cork area to frontload efforts to hire radiation therapists especially in order to open the closed linear accelerator and CT Scanner in Cork University Hospital."

Cllr Peter Horgan
- (d) "Could the HSE address the issue where GP Practices have no referral pathway available for GP's to access Radiological Investigations for children patients who have Medical / GP Visit Cards."

Cllr Dominic Finn

- (e) "I am requesting that the HSE would employ a full time clinical specialist podiatrist in West Cork as part of a preventative strategy in chronic disease management so this would be in line with the N.I.C.E. Guidelines and the International working group of the Diabetic Foot and The National wound care strategy programme in the UK."

Cllr Danny Collins

- (f) "That this Forum requests an update on the publication of the North Kerry CAMHS Review."

Cllr Deirdre Ferris

- (g) "That the HSE investigate the feasibility of providing nursing, Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP), or physiotherapy support—potentially in partnership with MTU Tralee—on-site at the hydrotherapy pool located on the university campus. This facility, which is already equipped with hoist access, presents a valuable opportunity to expand its use in supporting individuals with mobility challenges, whether in rehabilitation or as part of ongoing mobility-focused programmes"

Cllr Mikey Sheehy

5. Questions

- (a) "How many home care hours are being contracted to private home care companies by the HSE, and how many are provided by HSE-contracted HCSAs? Also, how many older people currently qualify for home care assistance?"

Cllr Ann Bambury

- (b) "What is the current wait time for a first-time chemotherapy appointment, from time of decision/consent to treat in all hospitals in the HSE Dublin and South East health region? What are the plans to reduce wait times in each of the relevant hospitals?"

Cllr Roger Kennedy

- (c) "Following on from the publication of the HSE capital plan, which is welcome, I seek in tabular form the number of staff by grade required to fulfil the operations in totality of each new project in the Cork area."

Cllr Peter Horgan

- (d) "Following on from the publication of the HSE capital plan, which is welcome, I seek in tabular form the number of staff by grade required to fulfil the operations in totality of each new project in the Waterford area."

Cllr John Pratt

- (e) "Are the HSE looking at opening extra respite beds in Older Persons Services in the West Cork area as at the moment there is a massive need for them."

Cllr Danny Collins

- (f) "Have the HSE had any requests for a meeting with representatives of the families of St Francis' School since our last meeting and if so, can the members be informed of any updates or plans?"

Cllr Deirdre Ferris

- (g) "I am seeking clarification regarding the recent announcement about the introduction of 24/7 cardiac care services in University Hospital Waterford. Could you confirm if this announcement is accurate, and if so, provide details on the expected timeline for when the service will be fully operational?"

Cllr Pat Dunphy

6. Date and Time of next meeting – Thursday, 5th June 2025 at 11am in Council Chamber, Cork County Council, County Hall, Co Cork.