

Agenda Regional Health Forum South Meeting

Date: Thursday 19 September 2024 **Time:** 11am
Venue: Meeting Room, Floor 16, Cork County Hall, Victoria Cross, Cork

1. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday, 18th July 2024
2. Chairperson's Correspondence
3. The next Committee Meetings will take place on:
 - South East Committee Meeting 8th October 2024 in Kilkenny
 - South West Committee Meeting 10th October 2024 in Tralee

4. Notices of Motion

- (a) "Can we have full update on the Primary Care Unit in Youghal and how far it has progressed."

Cllr Mary Lenihan Foley

- (b) "Do the HSE have any further plans to develop primary care centres in Tralee and what is the current update for the delivery of a minor injuries unit for Kerry."

Cllr Mikey Sheehy

To be taken with Motions 4(e) and 4(h)

- (c) "Could the HSE clearly outline status and timelines for development of site at Kelvin Grove Athy Road Carlow?"

Cllr Fergal Browne

- (d) "To ask the HSE to give an update on the 97 bed extension for Wexford General Hospital and whether it has any further capital development works planned for Wexford General Hospital."

Cllr Cathal Byrne

- (e) "That the HSE would seek to set up minor injury clinics throughout the county of Kerry, this would in turn relieve the pressure that is currently on our A&E unit in UHK."

Cllr Jackie Healy-Rae

To be taken with Motions 4(b) and 4(h)

- (f) "That this Forum supports the need to regularise and equalise pay and pension conditions for all workers operating in the CDNT ecosystem with their counterparts in primary care to ensure equal parity in pay and pension rights to support recruitment and retention and will write to the Taoiseach and All ministers of the Government on this matter."

Cllr Peter Horgan

- (g) "When it comes to securing housing for people with Intellectual Disabilities the current policy/protocol by the HSE inhibits houses being made available for this purpose as it insists that no members of a family that wish to provide a house for multiple occupancy are to be allowed to continue to live there. This has resulted in the loss of two such homes in Kerry alone in the last year for a sector that desperately needs this accommodation. My question/motion is why allow an overly stringent protocol to continue when surely a case by case examination of what is feasible could result in more units being made available?"

Cllr Norma Moriarty

- (h) "That the HSE would locate a minor injuries clinic in Killarney."

Cllr Marie Moloney

To be taken with Motions 4(b) and 4(e)

- (i) "That in view of the well proven harmful effects of vaping, especially to young people, this Forum would call on the Minister for Health to bring in further measures to restrict their widespread use among non-smokers, especially in terms of marketing and availability."

Cllr John Sheehan

5. Questions

- (a) "Following the cessation of services, what plans do the HSE have regarding the replacement of the registrar and the continuation of registry office services in Dungarvan, Co Waterford?"

Cllr Damien Geoghegan

- (b) "Will this Forum support my call to make the shingles vaccine available to all persons in older age brackets. The monetary cost of this vaccine is prohibitive in Ireland in comparison to other countries."

Cllr Mikey Sheehy

- (c) "To ask the HSE to provide the number of persons over 16 and under 16 on waiting lists for speech and language therapy in County Wexford and the numbers waiting more than 12, 26, 52 and 104 weeks respectively."

Cllr Cathal Byrne

- (d) "How many people are waiting for cataract operations in the SSWHG, please give a breakdown as to how long these people have been waiting and give an age profile of the patients."

Cllr Jackie Healy-Rae

- (e) "The amount paid to consultancy houses for the provision of services within each individual hospital and hospital group under the remit of this forum, in the years 2022, 2023, 2024 year to date, in tabular form, detailed by the type of service provided."

Cllr Peter Horgan

- (f) To ask when the charge for getting bloods tested by local GPs was first introduced for medical card holders and if this can be waived in the case of patients recovering from cancer.

Cllr Fergal Browne

- (g) "How many people who have been approved for Home Care in the South East and are still waiting on the service? How long are applicants currently waiting to have the service in place from when it was approved?"

Cllr Pat Dunphy

- (h) Can we please have an update on when the Clinical Nurse Specialist / Crisis Intervention Nurse Post for South Kerry will be filled. This is an urgent situation and it is a key position that needs to be filled as soon as possible.

Cllr Norma Moriarty

- (i) "What is the up-to-date position with regard to the provision of a Primary Care Centre in Killarney"

Cllr Marie Moloney

- (j) "That the HSE would provide an update in relation to the proposed badly needed new Primary Care Centre for the Blarney Area"

Cllr John Sheehan

6. Date and Time of next meeting – 7th November 2024 at 11am in Council Chambers, County Hall, Cork.