

Agenda Regional Health Forum South Meeting

Date: Thursday 27th February 2025 **Time:** 11am
Venue: Council Chambers, Cork County Hall, Victoria Cross, Cork

1. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday, 7th November 2024.
2. Chairperson's Correspondence
3. The next Committee Meetings will take place on:
 - South East Committee Meeting on 8th April 2025 in Kilkenny
 - South West Committee Meeting on 10th April 2025 in Tralee

4. Notices of Motion

- (a) "The length of time it take for someone to get through to the local Caredoc. This was an issue again over the Christmas period. Apparently it is a centralised system with over 20 taking calls but it is not fit for purpose."

Cllr Fergal Browne

- (b) "Update on the Primary Care Centre developments in Kilkenny City and County."

Cllr Pat Dunphy

- (c) "Can the HSE provide a list of existing step-down services particular reference to the Carlow/Kilkenny area."

Cllr John Coonan

- (d) "That the HSE establish an interim physiotherapy unit in East Cork until a permanent location is in place to accommodate the greater population east of Dunkettle."

Cllr Ann Marie Ahern

- (e) "That this Forum calls for the standalone Chemotherapy Unit at University Hospital Kerry to be added to the HSE's priority capital list. If a new capital submission is required, this should

be prepared as a matter of urgency, in light of the considerable time that has elapsed since the project was first initiated."

Cllr Mikey Sheehy

- (f) "That the HSE provide an update on the Medical Centre in Lehenaghmore, Cork."

Cllr Fiona Kerins

- (g) "That the HSE would outline their plans for the HSE building located on O'Brien Street, Mallow."

Cllr Tony O'Shea

- (h) "That this Forum supports the urgent introduction of school therapists to all special schools in the Cork/Kerry area in a way that does not take from existing CDNT staff complements, in a time sensitive manner and further seeks the attendance of the Ministers for disability at the next forum to engage with Forum members on funding lines required to support such therapy supports for children in the Cork/Kerry area."

Cllr Peter Horgan

- (i) "To request an update on mental health supports in the Carlow and Kilkenny area."

Cllr Daniel Pender

- (j) "To ask the HSE to review the situation where a person applying for Home help hours in the South West area can avail of same for personal care hours as opposed to light house work or food preparation. In a lot of cases elderly people are not taking up on these hours as they are uncomfortable with a non-family members providing personal care but would really appreciate help in other areas."

Cllr Margaret McDonnell

- (k) "That a Crisis Team be established for Kerry as it is an area with very poor access to crisis mental health services and it requires the CT approach to be able to provide an effective service."

Cllr Norma Moriarty

- (l) "What is the HSE's plan for both the District Hospital and Columbanus in Killarney when the new Community Hospital will open?"

Cllr Jackie Healy-Rae

- (m) "While I welcome and sincerely thank you for all the services being provided in the Cobh Primary Care Centre, can I ask for the provision of an Antenatal Clinic (outreach clinic from CUMH) to be considered and provided in the centre due to the growing population in Cobh, and also to make it much easier for patients to access, rather than having to travel out of town."

Cllr Dominic Finn

5. Questions

- (a) "To ask if the HSE plan to have a treatment centre for addicts in County Carlow and if not how can other groups go about setting up one."

Cllr Fergal Browne

- (b) "Can the HSE provide an update on its policies and procedures regarding the repurchasing and reuse of hospital aids & appliances within our services?"

Cllr John Coonan

- (c) "What is the current status of the rollout of Integrated Healthcare Areas (IHAs), and when is it expected that they will be fully finalised and implemented?"

Cllr Mikey Sheehy

- (d) "When will weekend emergency cardiac care services, i.e. (Saturday/Sunday, 8am-8pm) commence at UHW?"

Cllr Declan Barry

- (e) "To ask the HSE what would be the process to transfer the employment of all Section 39/38 therapists in the South/South West area to become employees of the HSE, and if there has ever been a cost compiler or associated with such a process."

Cllr Peter Horgan

- (f) "To ask for the plans and timeline in relation to Glanmire Primary Care Centre?"

Cllr Margaret McDonnell

- (g) "When is the new ophthalmologist going to be appointed in Clonmel?"

Cllr John O'Leary

- (h) "When did the clinical pathways regarding ADHD treatment change in the South Tipperary area and what plans, if any, are in place to provide an ADHD clinic in the South Tipperary catchment area? Are there any financial supports in place to help people pay for private assessments?"

Cllr Marie Murphy

- (i) "Can we please have an update on exactly where we are with the recruitment of the clinical nurse specialist/ crisis intervention nurse for the Iveragh area?"

Cllr Norma Moriarty

- (j) "How many Consultants are on duty in University Hospital Kerry on the weekend?"

Cllr Jackie Healy Rae

8. Date and Time of next meeting – Thursday, 27th March, 2025 at 11am in Council Chambers, Cork County Council, County Hall, Co Cork.