

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

**Date:** Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025 **Time:** 11am

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

1. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025.

2. Chairperson's Correspondence

2.1 Election of Chairperson

2.2 Election of Vice Chairperson

3. The next Committee Meetings will take place on:

- South East Committee Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025 in Kilkenny
- South West Committee Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025 in Tralee

### **4. Notices of Motion**

(a) What options, if any, are available to Day Care Centres in South Tipperary and throughout the South East region to apply for funding for a replacement bus to enable the smooth operation of transporting users safely to and from day care centres?

**Cllr Marie Murphy**

(b) "That the HSE reconsider the €220 fee for the Chicken Pox Vaccine for children born before October 1st 2024 with special consideration given to a free vaccine for children with disabilities and/or underlying health conditions whose families already face additional costs."

**Cllr Adrienne Wallace**

(c) "Do the HSE have any plans for a one stop addiction therapy hub, in Waterford City and County? Indeed, what addiction services are there currently available, in Waterford? Namely, for people suffering from either drugs, alcohol or gambling addictions, or indeed, a combination of any or all of these."

**Cllr Declan Barry**

(d) "To outline the capital funding allocations for health facilities in County Carlow as recently announced by the HSE."

**Cllr Fergal Browne**

- (e) "Can I request the following information be provided: the number of children living in Cork County currently awaiting a referral to a children's disability network team? Also, please provide an up-to-date breakdown of the number of children currently awaiting various therapies, e.g., speech & language, psychologist, play therapy, and the average length of time they await these vital therapies through the CDNT services."

**Cllr Ann Bambury**

- (f) "I am calling on the H.S.E. to increase services for children with special needs such as speech and language, physiotherapy, psychology, psychiatrists and Occupational Therapists."

**Cllr Danny Collins**

- (g) "I am calling on the Hse to reduce the long waiting times and lists for Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS) sufferers."

**Cllr John Fleming**

- (h) "That the HSE investigate the Western Australian Autism Association's approach to wrap around autism supports for Children and how they could be integrated into the Irish system."

**Cllr Daniel Pender**

- (i) "Can the members be supplied with the details of planned upgrades and repairs in the Cashel Ward servicing pediatrics in UHK?"

**Cllr Deirdre Ferris**

- (j) "That the GAA field at Derrynane GAA in Caherdaniel be added as a landing spot for air ambulance and coast guard air-activity."

**Cllr Norma Moriarty**

- (k) "That following the transfer of patients from Killarney Community Hospital to the new facility that the HSE would invest serious funding in refurbishing the Community Hospital to provide much needed respite services for the people of Kerry. Many people who are caring for their loved ones with a disability at home cannot access respite services due to severe shortage of such facilities in Kerry."

**Cllr Marie Moloney**

- (l) "Could I have an update on the Primary Care Centre in Glanmire?"

**Cllr Margaret McDonnell**

## **5. Questions**

- (a) "Noting that there were 86 less public health nurses in 2024 than there were at the end of 2020 – a six per cent decrease - and that the 2018 Health Service Capacity Review found there would be a 46 per cent increase in demand for public health

nurse appointments by 2031. Can the HSE reveal whether there is adequate Public Health Nurses serving the Carlow/Kilkenny area and, if necessary, what measures are being implemented to ensure full recruitment?"

**Cllr Adrienne Wallace**

- (b) "How many children in Cork County are awaiting a CAMHS referral? What is the average wait time? How many children are currently availing of support from CAMHS in Cork County?"

**Cllr Ann Bambury**

- (c) "Have the HSE any plans to establish a specialised clinic in the South East to deal with patients suffering from Cataracts"

**Cllr Roger Kennedy**

- (d) "Why is autism not classed as a medical condition in order for a GP to get involved."

**Cllr John Fleming**

- (e) "What supports is the HSE providing to those being diagnosed as neurodivergent later in life?"

**Cllr Daniel Pender**

- (f) "Can I get a list of all vacant HSE owned properties in Kerry please?"

**Cllr Deirdre Ferris**

- (g) "Can we get an update on progress in securing an ambulance base in Killorglin to help serve the Iveragh peninsula and alleviate the pressure on the Cahersiveen base?"

**Cllr Norma Moriarty**

- (h) "Can the HSE confirm that they are 100% committed to building a Primary Care Centre on the grounds of the Aras Padraig. There is much speculation as whether or not the HSE will build on this site."

**Cllr Marie Moloney**

- (i) "Could I have an update on the Primary Care Centre in Mayfield?"

**Cllr Margaret McDonnell**

6. Date and Time of next meeting – Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 11am in Council Chamber, Cork County Council, County Hall, Co Cork.