

REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM

HSE South

Agenda

Regional Health Forum South Meeting

Date: Thursday 19th September 2019 **Time:** 2.00pm

Venue: Council Chambers, County Hall, Cork.

1. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 27th June 2019
2. Chairperson's Correspondence
3. Next Committee meetings will be held on:
 - (a) South East Committee Meeting will be held on 15th October 2019 in Kilkenny
 - (b) South West Committee Meeting held on 17th October 2019 in Tralee

4. Notices of Motion

- (a) "I call on the HSE South to prioritise a Primary Care Centre for the Youghal area bearing in mind that the nearest Hospital is an hour away and after 6pm there is no doctor available in Youghal town with a population of approximately 12,000."

Cllr. Mary Lenihan Foley

- (b) "That we progress as a matter of urgency the establishment of a Primary Care Centre in Caherciveen, Co Kerry. This is urgently needed given the fact it would serve the population of the Iveragh Peninsula a population once served by twice the number of GP's currently working in the area."

Cllr. Norma Moriarty

- (c) "The average secondary school bag weights 6.5kg, as the new school year has just started, again we are left addressing the weight of our children's school bags. We have been told by the department of education it is up to the parents to engage with the school around these issues. Across the country we again are listening on social media and the radio to the amount of books these children are carrying on their backs each day. We all want our children to have a healthy lifestyle balance, but because of the weight of their school bags a large percent of children need to be dropped and picked up at the school because they physically cannot carry their school bag. children complaining of shoulder and back pain is unnecessary and needs to be addressed."

Cllr Audrey Buckley

- (d) "To ask the Minister for Health to support the expansion of Chemotherapy and Cancer Services on the grounds of University Hospital Kerry given the huge increase in patient numbers since the unit opened in 2001."

Cllr Mikey Sheehy

- (e) "That the HSE gives urgent consideration to the provision of step down beds at Our Lady's Hospital, Cashel, as a means of relieving the accommodation pressure on South Tipperary General Hospital over the coming winter months."

Cllr Declan Burgess

- (f) "In a practical effort to reduce the waste of time and effort required of all parties in accessing personal medical records, the current practice, as outlined above, to be changed whereby the patient can access their private medical records by presenting himself in person, with proof of identification. Furthermore, the €20 fee charged for accessing personal information is excessive given that all health related HSE activities are already paid for in universal personal taxation."

Cllr Jody Power

5. Questions

- (a) "Can the HSE South please provide an update on OT services in Youghal and East Cork Area"

Cllr. Mary Lenihan Foley

- (b) "To ask the Minister for Health what is the current total capacity of Day Care Centres for dementia in the North Cork area, and whether there are any plans to increase capacity."

Cllr Gearóid Murphy

- (c) "Can we please have a detailed explanation of the process with timelines involved in deciding on vacancies and the recruiting and hiring of staff for all health care positions. Essentially what I am seeking to ascertain is how are vacancies identified, who signs off on same, how advertising and recruiting is done and precisely what the process involved in having a person begin actually working in said position is."

Cllr Norma Moriarty

- (d) "What is the time frame for the processing and approval of fair deal applications in Kerry and Cork, and in the situation whereby delays occur what processes are in place to get patients from acute beds into community hospitals in order to maximum our already stressed hospital bed situation."

Cllr. Mikey Sheehy

- (e) "Is the HSE prepared to take any steps to improve the derelict appearance of the former gate lodge at Our Lady's Hospital Complex in Cashel?"

Cllr Declan Burges

- (f) "In light of the recent HIQA reports as published on 3 September 2019 arising from unannounced inspections of designated centres for older people, in relation to the failings highlighted in the report of Macroom Community Hospital (Centre ID: OSV-0000578) and in particular, the quality and safety of care being provided, can the HSE outline the action plan and timeline involved in bringing the hospital to compliance with standards provided by the current Health Acts and addressing the failings identified in the HIQA report."

Cllr. Eileen Lynch

6. Date and Time of next meeting – 21st November 2019, at 2pm in Council Chambers, County Hall, Cork.