

REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM

HSE South

Agenda

Regional Health Forum South Meeting

Date: **Thursday 21st November 2019** **Time:** 2.00pm

Venue: Council Chambers, County Hall, Cork.

1. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 19th September 2019
2. Chairperson's Correspondence
3. Reports from Chairpersons of the Committee meetings 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

The next Committee meetings will take place on:

- (a) South East Committee Meeting will be held on 3rd December 2019 in Kilkenny
- (b) South West Committee Meeting held on 5th December 2019 in Cork

4. Presentation on Winter Plan from members of HSE Management.

5. Notices of Motion

- (a) "What is the update position with the primary healthcare centre in Rathmore?"

Cllr. Niall Kelleher

- (b) "That H.S.E. South would state if, following the 2017 survey of services both actual and needed [As per response from H.S.E. South to Notice of Motion to Killarney Municipal District meeting], it accepts that there is need for a dedicated Alzheimers Day Unit in the immediate Killarney area, thus augmenting the already wonderful Unit at Rockmount, Kilgarvan."

Cllr Michael Gleeson

- (c) "That the HSE would increase internship places in Irish hospitals to allow doctors educated in Ireland access to an internship place, in light of the ongoing difficulties in doctor recruitment."

Cllr Eileen Lynch

- (d) "Can the members of HSE South be advised of the proposed changes Minister Harris is proposing to make to health services management structure in HSE South. Also can the members be provided with a documented copy of these proposed changes and timelines"

Cllr John Coonan

- (e) "To ask this forum to support expediting foreign General Practitioner VISA applications, especially those from South Africa. This is at a time when A&E departments and acute hospital beds are under recording breaking pressure and out of hours GP services are at the behest of VISA application waiting times."

Cllr Mikey Sheehy

- (f) "That the Board and Management of HSE South/South West Hospitals Group immediately petition the Minister and HSE HQ for the necessary funds required to eliminate the hardships and deprivations caused to patients and their families at Uni. Hospital Waterford (UHW) by:

* Putting into service forthwith the new Dunmore Wing of UHW, now completed and lying idle, by providing the €10m per year funding required.

* Actively engage in staff recruitment to fill the 200 staff vacancies at UHW.

* For the C/Ex and deputy C/Ex of the South/South West Hospitals group to consider their position for their failings to patients and their families in Waterford and the South East due to the prolonged neglect and gross underfunding of UHW and the significant distress and misery caused."

Cllr Jody Power

- (g) "That the HSE provide a meeting room for the Families and carers of Alzheimers/Dementia sufferers in Mallow which would serve the North Cork region. This facility would allow them meet once a week. At present they have nowhere to meet."

Cllr Pat Hayes

- (h) "In light of the endemic nature of drug misuse amongst our young people and indeed many of the older age groups can we establish detailed awareness and education campaigns to change a perceived acceptance of drug use that seems to have permeated our society."

Cllr. Norma Moriarty

6. Questions

- (a) "Can the HSE look at financially supporting the Kerry/cork cancer bus."

Cllr. Niall Kelleher

(b) "What is the updated position with the Primary Healthcare Centre in Tullow, Co Carlow?"

Cllr. John McDonald

(c) "Has the H.S.E South, in consultation with other interested parties, determined any positive and productive use[s] for the former Saint Finan's building, Killarney and for the attached lands which are surplus to requirements for the proposed new Community Hospital?"

Cllr Michael Gleeson

(d) "To ask for update on the proposed new Residential Unit at St Patrick's Hospital Cashel and to ascertain if it is on target to comply with legislation requiring compliance by 2021?"

Cllr Roger Kennedy

(e) "How is Home Help hours determined? What is the Criteria used? Who is involved in making the decision? How many Home Help Hours have been granted this year to date and in each of the last 5 years? How many requests have been refused this year to date and an each of the last 5 years".

Cllr Pat Dunphy

(f) "To ask the HSE to provide the break down by hospital of all consultants, or doctors acting up in a consultant role, who are not on the Medical Council Specialist register in the South/South West Hospital Group and to outline the actions being taken to address this."

Cllr Eileen Lynch

(g) "The HSE South take immediate steps to deal with the critical overcrowding present in the acute psychiatric admission and service units in Kilkenny and Waterford.

The continued failure to fill the many vacancies existing in nursing throughout psychiatric services"

Cllr John Coonan

(h) "How many Radiographer posts are vacant at University Hospital Kerry and have these vacant posts been advertised."

Cllr Mikey Sheehy

(i) "What provision has HSE South/South West Hospital Group made to fund and acquire the replacement machinery and items necessary to support Hospital activities at University Hospital Waterford now that Steam Boilers, Steam Laundry, Steam Cookers, Steam autoclaves and sterilizes, cold storage units, MRI and other medical equipment are at End-of-life and that the hospital is 30 years old, co-incident with the expected serviceable life of the machinery listed above. How many support staff vacancies are there currently for the servicing and maintenance of this equipment?"

Cllr Jody Power

- (j) "Requesting an update on the long-awaited re-development of Midleton Community Hospital. Expected timelines for tendering, construction and completion date would be most welcome"

Cllr Susan McCarthy

- (k) "Has the HSE any plans to reopen the accident and emergency department at Mallow General Hospital?"

Cllr Pat Hayes

- (l) "Can we have a detailed update on Brexit preparedness in relation to drugs and medicines that would normally be imported via and from the UK. What contingencies are in place for a no deal or agreed Brexit?"

Cllr Norma Moriarty

7. Date and Time of next meeting – 27th February 2020, at 2pm in Council Chambers, County Hall, Cork.