

REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM

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Agenda **Regional Health Forum South Meeting**

Date: Thursday 17th May 2018 Time: 2.00pm
Venue: Council Chambers, County Hall, Cork.

1. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday, 22nd March 2018.
2. Chairperson's Correspondence
3. The next meetings of the Committee meetings will be held on:
 - (a) South East Committee Meeting held on 16th October 2018 in Kilkenny
 - (b) South West Committee Meeting held on 18th October 2018 in Tralee
4. Adopt Regional Health Forum Annual Report

5. Notices of Motion

Deferred from March 2018 Meeting

- (a) "That this Forum support my call, for Minister Simon Harris to address the process around the elected members of the Regional Health Forums function within the Forum, and the need for reserved functions to be given to the elected members so as to ensure that there is a greater and more efficient level of accountability within the HSE the Status Quo simply isn't working and requires an immediate review."

Clr. Damian Quigg

- (b) "To ask the HSE South to provide an update on the HSE's approach to providing adequate GP services for the Youghal area in light of the fact that one of its GPs is due to retire"

Clr. Mary Lenihan Foley

- (c) "To ask for a report on the number of referrals dealt with by the Kerry Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service since January 2016, how many urgent referrals were dealt with in that period and specifically regarding the presentation of an urgent referral at weekends/bank holidays is there a CAMHS service available."

Cllr Brendan Cronin

- (d) "With Saint Patrick's Hospital, Cashel and its Rehabilitation Unit having to "temporarily suspend admissions" as and from the 24th April due to the failure of the HSE to fill the Medical Officer Post vacated last June and to secure a continuation of services provided by the Consultant Geriatrician, this Forum calls on the HSE to explain, 1. Why no applicant qualified for the post? 2. Why communications with General Practitioners in South Tipperary, Retired GPs, and liaison with Recruitment Agencies to fill that Post, all failed?"

Cllr Tom Wood

Please refer to Question 7(b) submitted by Cllr. Tom Wood

- (e) "As it has become increasingly difficult to replace retiring GP's in many parts of the country, and particularly in rural areas, I ask the HSE when it plans to reverse the FEMPI cuts, which would make it more attractive for GP's to take up these posts."

Cllr John Joe Culloty

- (f) "That the Regional Health Forum South via the Chair writes to Minister Jim Daly to request that the HSE South under the Mental Health Act ask Drs to check patients for drug intoxication on admission and throughout their hospitalization. If found positive! Are there policies in place to ensure that these policies are enacted to safe guard the hospital staff?"

Cllr Breda Gardner

6. Questions

- (a) "To clarify when a person with a medical card visits a GP what is the normal rate paid by the HSE to the GP to cover that particular visit."

Cllr Brendan Cronin

Please refer to Motion 6(d) submitted by Cllr. Tom Wood

- (b) "Why should concerned staff, patients and the general public not contend that the crisis at Saint Patrick's Hospital, Cashel due to insufficient clinical cover will not result in the closure of the acclaimed Rehabilitation Unit and the downgrading of other services?"

Cllr Tom Wood

- (c) "Has any progress been made regarding the disposal of land, in and around the St. Finan's Campus, in Killarney?"

Cllr John Joe Culloty

- (d)** “1. Several patients complained while they eventually got through on the helpline they got no answers. When can they expect answers? What is the point of a helpline which does not give answers?
2. How many tests were sent to US Company over what period?
3. Are we still sending tests to the company?
4. Have all tests been sent been reread and if not why not?
5. How many women in the South East (Kilkenny, Carlow, Tipperary Wexford and Waterford) are effected?
6. How does the HSE propose to correct this scandal?”

Cllr. Breda Gardner

7. Date and Time of next meeting – 21st June 2018, at 2pm in Council Chambers, County Hall, Cork.