

REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM

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Agenda

Regional Health Forum South Meeting

Date: Thursday 28th February 2019 Time: 2.00pm

Venue: Council Chambers, County Hall, Cork.

1. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 22nd November 2018

2. Chairperson's Correspondence

3. Reports of Committee meetings held on:

(a) South East Committee Meeting held on 29th January 2019 in Kilkenny

(b) South West Committee Meeting held on 7th February 2019 in Cork

4. Notices of Motion

(a) "Meningitis B has been the most common cause of bacterial meningitis in Ireland. Vaccines are the only way to prevent meningitis and therefore we call on the HSE South to make the Meningitis B vaccinations universally available free of charge."

Cllr Arthur McDonald

(b) "That this Forum, shall support this motion, requesting an outreach X Ray service for Ospidéal Pobal Chorca Dhuibhne (West Kerry Community Hospital). Parts of West Kerry are over 40 miles from UHK, Tralee A&E where the vast majority have to attend. At present unless they can afford to pay privately for X Ray in Tralee they will have to wait for hours upon end for a service which could be available locally especially as West Kerry Community Hospital is underutilized at present."

Cllr. Damian Quigg

(c) "Could I ask HIQA/HSE what plans are in place for two houses in Youghal, bearing in mind that these houses are being lived in at the moment but residents will soon be moving into alternative Accommodation. They are 2 fine houses which maybe could be used for Respite and other services which are needed in East Cork area."

Cllr. Mary Lenihan Foley

- (d) "Can the HSE please issue a written report on the number of medical cards it has revoked in the southern region, from the last 2 years to date. This should include breakdown per county, and also the reasons for the cancelling of medical cards."

Cllr Danielle Twomey

- (e) "Can the HSE give any indication of when the replacement representative will be taking up their position on the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee that meet regularly in the city hall offices."

Cllr Henry Cremin

- (f) "Will HSE confirm that the significant excess expenditure on the National Children's Hospital will not affect the commencement and completion of the new buildings replacing the present Saint Patrick's Hospital in Cashel and due to be in place by the end of 2021 to meet HIQA conditions."

Cllr. Tom Woods

- (g) "That the Chair of Regional Health Forum South writes to Minister Simon Harris and Minister Pascal Donoghue to support the Nurses in their pay parity and provide safe staffing conditions to protect both the nurse and patient as a matter of urgency."

Cllr Breda Gardner

- (h) "As the HSE has previously stated that it intends to sell the majority of its land in Killarney, I ask for an update on any progress made in this process."

Cllr John Culloty

5. Questions

- (a) "Given that children with disabilities, intellectual or physical, often do not reach a meaningful maturity or level of independence at the age of 18, how can the state (HSE) justify the differentiation between a child of 17 who needs a particular service or therapy and an adult of 18?"

Cllr. Damian Quigg

- (b) "Have the HSE carried out any exercise in relation to the particular transport mode that all the staff of CUH actually use every day coming to and from work. How many public car spaces for visitors (paying) are there on the grounds of the CUH. How many car spaces (non paying) are there for staff members of the CUH and how many are occupied Monday to Friday. How many staff walk/cycle to work. How many staff use public transport to work."

Cllr Henry Cremin

(c) "What is the capacity of, occupancy rate, and average length of stay where applicable for residents at the Rea Nua, Lorica and Carraig Oir Units on Our Lady's Hospital Complex in Cashel?"

Cllr. Tom Woods

(d) "When will the post of retired Rheumatologist in St Luke's Hospital Kilkenny last October be replaced?"

Cllr Breda Gardner

(e) "As a submission for 31 additional acute beds for UHK was made early last year, what is the update on this submission?"

Cllr John Joe Culloty

6. Date and Time of next meeting – 28th March 2019, at 2pm in Council Chambers, County Hall, Cork.