

## **MINUTES** **MEETING OF REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM SOUTH**

**Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 11am**  
**Venue: Council Chamber, County Hall, Cork**

### **Present:**

Cllr Ann Marie Ahern

### **Chairperson**

Cllr Declan Barry

Cllr Liam Brazil

Cllr Fergal Browne\*

Cllr Cathal Byrne\*

Cllr Danny Collins\*

Cllr John Coonan

Cllr Caroline Cronin

Cllr David Dunne

Cllr Pat Dunphy

Cllr Deirdre Ferris\*

Cllr Dominic Finn

Cllr John Fleming

Cllr Ger Frisby

Cllr Damian Geoghegan

Cllr Finbarr Harrington

Cllr Pat Hayes

### **Vice Chairperson**

Cllr Jackie Healy-Rae\*

Cllr Peter Horgan

Cllr Roger Kennedy

Cllr Fiona Kerins\*

Cllr Mary Lenihan Foley

Cllr Margaret McDonnell

Cllr Marie Moloney

Cllr Norma Moriarty

Cllr Marie Murphy

Cllr John O'Leary

Cllr Tony O'Shea\*

Cllr Daniel Pender

Cllr Liam Quaide\*

Cllr John Sheehan\*

Cllr Mikey Sheehy

Cllr Michael Smith

Cllr Frank Staples

Cllr Joe Sullivan

Cllr Adrienne Wallace\*

Cllr Adam Wyse

**\* attended online**

### **Apologies:**

Dr Andy Phillips, Regional Executive Officer, HSE South West

Ms Martina Queally, Regional Executive Officer, HSE Dublin and South East

### **In Attendance:**

Dr Gerard O'Callaghan, Chief Operations Officer, South/South West Hospitals Group

Ms Tess O'Donovan, Chief Officer, Cork Kerry Community Healthcare

Ms Anna Marie Lanigan, Head of Primary Care, South East Community Healthcare

Mr Gearoid Rennicks, Senior Press Officer, Ireland East Hospital Group\*

Mr Ray Dwyer, Home Support Section, Cork Kerry Community Healthcare

Members of the HSE South Forum Office staff

### **1. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous Meeting held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024**

On the proposal of Cllr Norma Moriarty seconded by Cllr Pat Dunphy, the minutes of the Forum meeting held on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 were adopted by members.

### **2. Chairperson's Correspondence**

#### **Election of Chairperson:**

The June meeting is the Annual General Meeting of the Regional Health Forum South and elections of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson were to take place. Dr Gerard O'Callaghan, Chief Operations Officer, South/South West Hospitals Group invited nominees from the floor for the position of Chairperson.

Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern was proposed by Cllr Roger Kennedy and seconded by Cllr. Norma Moriarty. As there were no other nominations, Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern was elected. On assuming the Chair, Cllr. Ahern thanked her proposer, seconder and the members for electing her as Chairperson for the coming year.

#### **Election of Vice Chairperson:**

Cllr Ahern invited nominees for the position of Vice Chairperson. Cllr. Pat Hayes was proposed by Cllr. John Coonan and seconded by Cllr. Mikey Sheehy as there were no other nominations, Cllr. Hayes was deemed elected.

Cllr Ahern read out a short summary document of Standing Orders and an overview of the background and role of Regional Health Forums in the HSE.

### **Vote of Sympathy**

The members expressed their sincere sympathies to Annette O'Connell HSE/Regional Health Forum Office on the unexpected passing of her niece Dr. Meg Haugh on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024. Meg completed placements in Cork University Hospital, Kerry University Hospital and Mercy University Hospital as part of her medical training. The Forum Members together with HSE Management extended their deepest condolences to Annette, Meg's parents, siblings, grandfather, extended family and friends. A moment of silence was observed. Suaimhneas síoraí dá hanam.

### **3. Committees**

The next Committee meetings:

- (a)** South East Committee Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024 in Kilkenny
- (b)** South West Committee Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024 in Cork

### **4. Presentation on the Nursing Homes Support Scheme**

Mr Ray Dwyer, Home Support Office gave the presentation on the Nursing Home Support Scheme (also known as Fair Deal). This scheme operated by the Health Service Executive (HSE) provides financial support to people who need long-term nursing home care. Under this scheme, participants contribute to the cost of their care according to their means, while the State pays the balance of the cost. The scheme covers approved private nursing homes, voluntary nursing homes and public nursing homes. A question and answer session followed with a number of contributions from members. The Regional Health Forum members thanked Mr Dwyer for his informative presentation.

**5. Date and Time of next meeting** - 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 11am. **Venue:** Council Chambers, Cork County Council, County Hall, Cork