

Minutes of Regional Health Forum West held on Tuesday 1st April 2014 at 2.00pm in Room 1, Education Centre, HSE Offices, Merlin Park, Galway

Miontuairiscí Cruinnithe Chinn Bhliana an Fhóiraim Réigiúnach Sláinte, a tionóladh ar an Mháirt, 1 Aibreán 2014 ag 2.00 .i.n, i Seomra 1 an tIonad Oideachais, Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte, Páirc Mheirlinne, Gaillimh

Chairperson

Clr Pádraig Conneely

Members Present

Clr Liam Blaney

Clr Tim Broderick

Clr Ciaran Brogan

Clr Pat Burke

Clr John Carroll

Clr Catherine Connolly

Clr Michael Connolly

Clr Tom Connolly

Clr Shaun Cunniffe

Clr David Cryan

Clr Ger Fahy

Apologies

Clr Rose Brennan

Clr Annie May Reape

Clr Aoiffe McLoughlin

Clr Seamus Weir

Clr Laurence Fallon

Clr Michael Finnerty

Clr Mary Hoade

Clr Michael Hourigan

Clr Gordon Hughes

Clr John Kennedy

Clr Joe Leddin

Clr Sean MacManus

Clr Michael McBride

Clr Sean McGowan

Clr John 'Rocky' McGrath

Absent

Clr Michael Crowe

Clr Frank McBrearty Jr

Clr Paula McNamara

Clr Tony Mulqueen

Clr Kevin Sheahan

Clr Tony Ward

Clr Bernard McGuinness

Clr Tom McNamara

Clr Brian Meaney

Clr Austin Francis O'Malley

Clr Damien Riedy

Clr Gerry Reynolds

In attendance

Bernard Gloster, A/Regional Director of Performance & Integration

Tony Canavan, Chief Operations Officer, West North West Hospital Group

Ann Doherty, Chief Executive Officer, University Hospitals Limerick

Damien McCallion, Area Manager, Sligo Leitrim, W Cavan

Catherine Cunningham, Area Manager, Galway/Roscommon

Paudie O'Riordan, Area Operations Manager, National Ambulance Service

Francis Rogers, Asst National Director, Human Resources

Audrey Lambourn, Communications, HSE West

Chris Rudland, Regional Manager, Consumer Affairs

Shirley Murphy, Consumer Affairs

Norah Owens, Consumer Affairs

463/50/14 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 25th February, 2014 were proposed by Clr Catherine Connolly, seconded by Clr. Brian Meaney and adopted.

An amendment to the minutes of the previous minutes was requested by Cllr. Bernard McGuinness regarding Motion W49M282, this was noted and the minutes were rectified accordingly.

464/50/14 Matters Arising

Setanta Communications

Cllr Pdraig Conneely queried why the Chairperson of Setanta Communications attended the Forum last month and the members were not informed he was present despite the discussion with the hospital group around the cost of their external communications. Cllr. Tim Broderick concurred with Cllr. Conneely's comments.

Private Insurance Companies

Cllr. Pdraig Conneely raised the issue of the outstanding monies owed to the hospital and why the Consultants are not signing off on them. He queried when the new regulations would come in to change the procedure for sign off.

Mental Health Review

Cllr. Catherine Connolly questioned why the Mental Health Review report has not yet been finalised as they were advised last month it was imminent. C Cunningham responded and confirmed the final report would be printed in the next two months.

Procurement (Internal Audit Report)

Action: RHF will check if the Internal Audit report can be released.

Procurement procedures– Digger at Letterkenny General Hospital

Action: T Canavan to reply to Cllr L Blaney directly and confirm if the digger at Letterkenny General has been put out to tender recently, the closing date for same and where the tendering services are advertised?

Aras Mac Dara

C Cunningham clarified for Cllr. C Connolly that the reply she received on the 26th March is the up to date position with regard to staffing in Aras MacDara.

Listening Meetings

It was confirmed to Cllr. Tim Broderick that the Forum office had written to the group organising the listening meetings to include Ballinasloe, Tuam and Portumna as alternative venues for the meetings;

Action: The Forum office is to circulate the response directly to all members when received.

465/50/14 Chairman's Business

Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr's Rose Brennan, Aoiffe McLoughlin, Annie May Reape and Seamus Weir. Cllr Daniel Butler was ratified into his late fathers post in Limerick County Council at last month's meeting but sent his apologies today.

Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed members of the public.

Next Meetings

The next **Regional Health Forum** meeting will take place on Tuesday, 29th April, 2014.

The next Regional Health Forum **Committee** meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 22nd April 2014 has been deferred to Tuesday, June, 10th in Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim.

466/50/14 Questions

W50Q1330 - Cllr Sean McGowan, G.P. Services in Primary Care Centre in Dromod

Action: D McCallion to contact Dr Green Junior to propose he hold a surgery a day a week in Dromod Health Centre. D McCallion to follow up directly with Cllr. McGowan.

W50Q1334 - Cllr Sean McGowan, HSE building at Church Street, Ballinamore

Cllr McGowan had representation from local groups e.g. Tidy Towns re the appearance of the HSE property in Ballinamore and asked if its external appearance could be improved.

Action: D McCallion confirmed he would investigate this and reply directly to Cllr. McGowan.

W50Q1335 - Cllr Brian Meaney, Autistic spectrum

Action: D McCallion to get further expert advice from the specialists and respond to Cllr Meaney directly on a county by county basis.

W49Q1337- Cllr Brian Meaney – Intervention Services for Children

Cllr. Meaney requires further data from our public health department

Action: Public Health department to supply Cllr Meaney with the rate of SID per 1,000 births in Ireland and Northern Ireland, supplying as much data as is available.

W50Q1338 - Cllr Brian Meaney – Public and Employee claims lodged

Cllr. Meaney was happy to await the States Claim response

W50Q1346 - Cllr Tim Broderick - Availability of smoking units for psychiatric patients in UHG?

Action: C Cunningham to send a copy of the relevant policy directly to Cllr Tim Broderick and to confirm the capacity of the general ward in Acute Psychiatry?

W50Q1347 - Cllr Tim Broderick – National Directive for outdoor smoking areas?

Action: The RHF office to furnish Cllr Broderick with a copy of the legislative details from the Environmental Health Services.

W50Q1348 - Cllr Michael Hourigan – Cost of Taxi services to and from University Hospital Limerick for the last 3 years?

Action: A Doherty agreed to provide Cllr Hourigan with details of the Framework Review for 2014 with regard to tendering for taxi services.

W50Q1349 - Cllr Liam Blaney – Dedicated Paediatric Diabetic Nurse

Cllr Blaney requested when the Minister requests a briefing from the Hospital group following the visit of the deputation, that they will give them a positive response.

W50Q1350 - Cllr Liam Blaney – The cost to fit out Outpatients Department, Letterkenny?

Action: T Canavan to supply Cllr Blaney with the breakdown of the money's spent and how much is the cost of the other associated costs?

W50Q1351 - Cllr Liam Blaney – How much is it to rent the premises at Justice Walsh Road, Letterkenny General?

Action: T Canavan to issue a response to this question directly to Cllr. Blaney

W50Q1353 - Cllr L Fallon & W50Q1365 Cllr B McGuinness: Ambulance Response times /Hours lost to Ambulance Services

P O'Riordan informed the members that a Capacity Review has commenced within the Ambulance Services nationally, it will be evidentially based and it will incorporate staff, structure, locations, rural and urban and across all the clinical programmes. In addition, Mr O'Riordan is placing on record a sincere thank you to the exceptional work all grades of Ambulance staff are doing on the ground. Many Councillors' agreed with Mr. O'Riordan and also complimented the staff.

Action: J Hayes to clarify if NOWDOC were directed or gave a directive to "not to attend an emergency where an ambulance has already been called/deployed".

W50Q1360- Cllr Mary Hoade, Cancelling and rescheduling of elective surgeries in GUH?

Action: T Canavan to investigate and respond directly to Cllr Hoade and confirm the rescheduling of elective surgeries is within the timeframe of 6 weeks as indicated in the answer.

W50Q1363 - Cllr Catherine Connolly, Referral of out-patient and in-patient to private hospitals over last 3 years

Action: T Canavan to supply Cllr Connolly with a full list of money each of the listed hospitals got for 2013.

Action: B Gloster as Acting RDPI will request from the National Director for Acute Services, Mr. Ian Carter a relevant contact name from the SDU to respond to Cllr Connolly's specific query on costs?

In the reply directly to Cllr. Connolly, we must supply a full costing of referred patients from in-patients and outpatient for 2012 through the SDU, indicating the number of patients referred, the list of hospitals and the total amount each hospital received.

W50Q1364 - Cllr Catherine Connolly, Leased properties in Galway City

Action: J Molloy to respond directly to Cllr Connolly to confirm if any of the new locations on the list are incurring rent and if so how much any?

W50Q1366 – Cllr Pdraig Conneely

Action: T Canavan to refer this question to the States Claims Agency

W50Q1367 – Cllr Pdraig Conneely

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466/50/14 Motions:

A quorum of the meeting was not present so the motions were not voted on. These motions will be brought to the next meeting of the Regional Health Forum on 29th April, 2014.

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This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach/Chairman

Adopted at the Regional Health Forum West meeting 29th April, 2014