

**Minutes of Regional Health Forum West held on Tuesday 29th 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, 29 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	Apologies	Absent
Clr Liam Blaney	Clr Ciaran Brogan	Clr Michael Crowe
Clr Tim Broderick	Clr Frank McBrearty	Clr Pat Burke
Clr John Carroll	Clr Michael McBride	Clr Daniel Butler
Clr Catherine Connolly	Clr Damien Reidy	Clr Tom Connolly
Clr Michael Connolly		Clr Michael Finnerty
Clr David Cryan		Clr Michael Hourigan
Clr Shaun Cunniffe		Clr Joe Leddin
Clr Ger Fahy		Clr Michael McBride
Clr Laurence Fallon		Clr Sean McGowan
Clr Mary Hoade		Clr John 'Rocky' McGrath
Clr Gordon Hughes		Clr Bernard McGuinness
Clr John Kennedy		Clr Aoife McLoughlin
Clr Sean MacManus		Clr Paula McNamara
Clr Tom McNamara		Clr Tony Mulqueen
Clr Brian Meaney		Clr Austin Francis O'Malley
Clr Tony Ward		Clr Annie May Reape
		Clr Gerry Reynolds
		Clr Kevin Sheahan
		Clr Seamus Weir

In attendance

Gerry O'Neill, Regional Director of Performance & Integration.
Bill Maher, Chief Executive Officer, West North West Hospital Group.
Tony Canavan, Chief Operations Officer, West North West Hospital Group.
Catherine Cunningham, Area Manager, Galway Roscommon PCCC.
Audrey Lambourn, Communications, HSE West.
Chris Rudland, Regional Manager, Consumer Affairs.
Marian Cavanagh, Consumer Affairs.
Norah Owens, Consumer Affairs.

468/51/14 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 1st April, 2014, were proposed by Clr Ger Fahy, seconded by Clr John Carroll and adopted.

The format for recording attendance has been changed as proposed by Cllr Meaney and it is noted that Cllr Tom McNamara and Cllr Brian Meaney were present at the meeting on 1st April, 2014.

469/51/14 Matters Arising

Paediatric Diabetic Nurse

Cllr Liam Blaney queried if this issue was brought to the attention of the Minister. Mr B Maher, CEO WNWGH informed Mr Blaney of the progress that a Paediatric Diabetic Nurse is now in post in Letterkenny General Hospital.

Mental Health Review

Cllr Catherine Connolly questioned when exactly the Mental Health Review report would be published and Catherine Cunningham confirmed it should be published in June 2014.

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 the money that each of the listed private hospitals got for 2013 by end of next week.

NOTE OF ISSUE

Cllr J Carroll brought the issue of the change in opening hours at the A & E at Nenagh to the attention of the Forum and advised the new opening hours of 1pm to 7pm commenced without advance warning or advertising.

Action: A Doherty, CEO Mid West Group to respond directly to Cllr Carroll with an update of this change in Nenagh A & E.

470/51/14 Chairman's Business

Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Ciaran Brogan, Frank McBrearty, Michael McBride & Damien Reidy,

Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed members of the public.

Next Meetings

The next Regional Health Forum **Committee** meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 10th, 2014 in Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim.

The next **Regional Health Forum** meeting will take place on Tuesday, 24th June, 2014.

471/51/14 Questions

W51Q1370 - Cllr Brian Meaney - Reduction in residential care capacity

Action: Cllr B Meaney requested from P Moynihan/J Molloy a bullet point account of what the HSE thinks is required for our ageing demographic people and how we can improve our A&E's. The Cllr will in turn use this information to lobby and have positive interaction with the Government.

W51Q1373 - Cllr Brian Meaney - A Single location for the provision of all PCCC services in Ennis.

Action: Cllr Brian Meaney requested B Gloster to give further detail on where the process broke down and what the GP's issues were. Cllr Meaney said it was imperative we reach an agreement with the GP's so we can provide the centralised services so badly needed in Ennis and save money in the process by having one premises.

W51Q1380- Cllr L Fallon - Telemedicine Stroke Machines

Action: Cllr L Fallon to contact T Canavan when he establishes the location of the stock of the Telemedicine stroke machines and try and get some of these machines commissioned in Portiuncula or Roscommon hospitals.

Quorum: At 3.20pm there was no Quorum at the meeting.

W51Q1381 - Cllr L Fallon - Assessment criteria for applying for Medical Cards

Action: Cllr L Fallon is seeking confirmation of the criteria used and if expenses are taken into account when clients are being assessed for a Medical Card.

Action: PCRS to confirm if expenses are taken into account when being assessed for a Medical Card

W51Q1382 - Cllr L Blaney - Orthodontic services at Letterkenny General Hospital

Action: T Canavan to reply directly to Cllr L Blaney with an update on the Orthodontic services in Letterkenny General Hospital and North West overall.

472/51/14 Motions:

A quorum of the meeting was not present so the motions were not voted on.

On a point of issue and because Cllr Cryan was still present, it was agreed by the councilors to let Cllr Cryan to speak on the motion to the Executive. Cllr Cryan highlighted the limited access for people with disabilities and mobility issues to many doctor, physiotherapy and dentist buildings.

B Maher confirmed all new builds have disability access and that there are some projects in the National Service plan to help alleviate this. C Cunningham informed Cllr Cryan the majority of these services are private contractors and not within the control of the HSE. HSE public services do not have access for people with disabilities and all new builds are built to the new standards to ensure quality access and facilities.

Local Elections – 23rd May, 2014:

The Chairman, Cllr P Conneely thanked the Executive for their help and co-operation at all times in the Administration of the Regional Health Forum. He wished his colleagues well in the upcoming elections and gave a special thanks to Cllr Cryan for his input for his period as a member to the Forum and wished him well for the future as he is not contesting the elections this time around.

Cllrs John Carroll, Mary Hoade, Tony Ward and Liam Blaney also thanked the Executive for their help over the last five years and wished luck to each other in advance of the elections on 23rd May, 2014.

473/51/14 Next meeting of the Regional Health Forum West

The next Regional Health Forum *Committee* will take place on Tuesday, June, 10th, 2014 in Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim.

The next **Regional Health Forum meeting** is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 24^h June, 2014 at 2pm.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach/Chairman

Adopted at the Regional Health Forum West meeting