

Minute of the meeting of the

Board of the Health Service Executive**27th November, 2007**

Members present: L. Downey (Chairman), B. Drumm (CEO), N. Brennan, D. de Buitleur, P.J. Fitzpatrick, J. Macri*, E. McCague*, M. McLoone*, M. Murphy J. Murray and A. Scott.

*(participated by teleconference)

Apologies: M. Gaffney.

Attendees: D. Purcell (Secretary).

Location / time: HSE-EA, Adelaide Road at 5pm.

The Chairman thanked the members for their attendance at short notice.

Item	Discussion / Comments	Action
Request from Minister to establishment of a review of the management of events following the decision to suspend breast radiology service at the Midland Regional Hospital, Portlaoise.		
	<p>The Chairman informed the meeting that the Minister had , by letter dated 27th November 2007, requested the Board to undertake an immediate review of the management of all the events starting from, and subsequent to, the decision to suspend breast radiology service at the Midland Regional Hospital, Portlaoise. He provided a summary of the background of the events which has led to this request.</p> <p>The CEO provided a verbal report to the Board on the circumstances which led to the decisions by the HSE to suspend the breast radiology service at the Midland Regional Hospital Portlaoise, place a consultant radiologist on administrative leave and initiate a clinical review of breast cancer services at the hospital in the period November 2003 to August 2007.</p> <p>Following a detailed discussion on the conduct of the review the Board agreed to establish a Board Committee to finalise terms of reference for the review and to engage an external independent person to conduct it.</p> <p>The Board Committee will be chaired by the HSE Board Chairman and will include the following three Board members - Professor Anne Scott, Mr. Eugene McCague and Professor Michael Murphy.</p>	

The meeting concluded at 7.05pm.

Signed:

Date:

Liam Downey
Chairman