

**Minutes of the HSE Directorate Meeting  
held on  
Friday 18 May, 2018**

**Members Present:** J. Connaghan (Chair), S. Mulvany, D. Sullivan R. Mannion

**Apologies:** None.

**In attendance** J. O’Sullivan and D. Purcell (Secretary)

**Joined the Meeting:** M. Dolan

**Time & Location:** 11am DG’s Meeting Room, Room 1.11, Dr. Steevens’ Hospital

Item	Discussion / Comments	Action
1	<b>Finance</b>	
	<b>Annual Financial Statement Letter of Rep, Statement of Internal Control &amp; Statement of Directors responsibilities – for approval</b>	<b>S. Mulvany</b>
	<p>M. Dolan joined the meeting for consideration of this item. S. Mulvany and M. Dolan spoke to the report circulated prior to the meeting highlighting the changes to the AFS 2017(including the Accounts, Statement on Internal Control (SIC) and Governance Statement and Directorate members Report and the letter of representation) following the conclusion of the C&amp;AG audit.</p> <p>It was noted that the AFS 2017 were formally adopted in at the March 2018 meeting in line with statute, however, as there has been a material adjustment regarding the technical accounting treatment of the Public Private Partnerships for the provision of Primary Care Centres (which is in accordance with Ministerial instructions) these accounts are now required to be resigned to reflect this change.</p> <p>CFO confirmed that as the audit is now concluded it is in order for all other signature bearing documents to be signed also. These are SIC; Governance Statement and Directorate members Report and Letter of Representation.</p> <p>It was noted that the C&amp;AG has indicated that the HSE has received an unqualified audit opinion in respect of the financial statements of 2017 and that the audit opinion may draw attention to the following matters, Inadequate control and monitoring of grants to outside agencies and non-compliant procurement</p> <p>The CFO informed the meeting the C&amp;AG’s audit opinion will be on a ‘properly presents’ basis in accordance with the accounting standards as prescribed by the Minister for Health and not as a true and fair view. This arises because, due to changes in auditing standards, the CAG had reviewed the wording of all C&amp;AG audit report.</p> <p>Adoption of the revised audited Annual Financial Statements 2017 (including the SIFC and Governance Statement and Directorate Members report) in accordance with section 36(4) of the Health Act, 2004 for submission to the Minister with the Annual Report 2017 was proposed by S Mulvany CFO seconded by J Connaghan and agreed. <a href="#"><u>Directorate Decision No: 18.05 (19) 2018.</u></a></p> <p>Secretary briefed the meeting on the content and background to the comprehensive report required to be furnished by the Chairman to the Minister under the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies 2016.</p> <p><b><u>Actions agreed:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DG in his capacity of Chairman and the CFO were approved to sign the accounts and related documents on the behalf of the HSE</li> <li>• AFS to be submitted with the Annual Report to the Minister to be laid before the Houses of the Oireachtas in line with statutory provisions.</li> <li>• The comprehensive report required to be furnished by the Chairman to the Minister under the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies 2016, in conjunction with the annual report</li> </ul>	

	and financial statements of the State body, was approved for submission.	
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The meeting concluded at 11.30.

**Signed:**

**Date:**

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**John Connaghan**  
**Director General**