

**Minutes of the HSE Directorate Meeting  
held on  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2017**

**Directorate** T. O'Brien (Chair), S. Mulvany, A. O'Connor, J. Hennessy,  
**Members Present:** L. Woods, S. O'Keeffe and P. Crowley  
**Apologies:** P. Healy  
**In attendance** D. Purcell (Secretary)  
**Joined the Meeting:** J. Carolan, P. de Freine (HBS) and H. Byrne (Acute Hospitals Division)  
**Time & Location:** Meeting Room 3, Convention Centre Dublin, Spencer Dock, Dublin 1 at 1.15pm

Items are presented here in the order in which they were discussed and are numbered according to the order they appeared on the agenda.

| Item     | Discussion / Comments   | Action                                  |
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| <b>2</b> | <b>National Children's Hospital – Letter of Consent</b>   |   |
|          | <p>J. Carolan, P deFreine and H. Byrne joined the meeting for consideration of this item.</p> <p>The letter dated the 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017 from the Minister confirming his consent to the final Project Brief for the New Children's Hospital (NCH) circulated prior to the meeting was considered. The letter from the Secretary General dated 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017 and briefing note presented by J. Carolan in relation to capital funding for the NCH was also considered.</p> <p>Following consideration, approval of the final project brief subject to the conditions set out in the Minister's letter and approval of the capital investment decision to award contracts as recommended by the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board for the construction of the new Children's Hospital on the St James's campus in Dublin 8, together with the construction of Satellite units at Tallaght and Connolly Hospitals were proposed by L. Woods, seconded by P. Crowley and agreed. <b>Directorate Decision No.27.04(27)2017</b></p> <p><u>Action agreed:</u><br/>           Letter in accordance with Article 5(1)(a) of the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board (NPHDB) (Establishment) Order 2017 (SI 246 of 2007) to be issued to the Chairman of the NPHDB confirming the Directorate's decisions by HBS Estates.</p> | <b>J. Carolan/<br/>L. Woods</b>         |
| <b>1</b> | <b>Drug Reimbursement Application</b>   |   |
|          | <p>J. Hennessy briefed the meeting on response from the DoH on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017 to his letter regarding the reimbursement of the drug Orkambi following its consideration by the Directorate at a special meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017.</p> <p>Following consideration the Directorate supported the application for reimbursement under the revised terms now offered on the basis of the commitment from Government that additional funding to cover full year costs in 2018 and subsequent years will be provided.</p> <p><u>Action agreed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• J. Hennessy to reply to the letter from the DoH of the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017 advising of the outcome of the meeting.</li> <li>• J. Hennessy, at the Director General's request, to conduct a review of the operation of the Drugs Committee, including its role and function, which will be presented to the Directorate upon conclusion.</li> </ul>   | <b>J. Hennessy<br/><br/>J. Hennessy</b> |

The meeting concluded at 2.00pm.

**Signed:**

**Date:**

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**Tony O'Brien  
 Chairman**