EASTERN HEALTH BOARD

Minutes of Proceedings of Meeting of Eastern Health Board held in the Boardroom, St. Brendan's Hospital, Grangegorman on 7th June. 1973 at 6 p.m.

Present:

Commissioner John Berry
Mr. M. E. Birmingham
Councillor P. J. Burke
Councillor M. Carroll
Mr. Hugh P. Corrigan, F.P.S.I.
Or. J. Cullen
Councillor Michael Cunningham
Or. J. Stephen Doyle
Councillor J. Guinan
Mr. Kevin Harrington, B.D.S.
Commissioner (Jim) Hayes
Commissioner Tom Leonard
Councillor A. Mahon
Dr. J. R. Mahon
Dr. A. Meade
Deputy Dr. J. O'Connell
Mr. Oermot O'Flynn
Commissioner James O'Keeffe
Councillor John Sweeney
Deputy G. Timmins
Deputy Eugene Timmons
Or. John Walker

Apologies for absence:

Cllr. Dr. R. Belton
Mr. J. Corcoran
Deputy H. P. Dockrell
Cllr. John Temple
Miss Mary Lacey
Mr. Martin Ruane
Cllr. John Sweeney

Councillor P. Hickey, Vice-Chairman, presided.

Officers in Attendance:

Mr. J. Nolan,
Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Prof. I. Browne,
Programme Manager
Special Hospital Care
Mr. F. J. Donohue,
Programme Manager, Community Care
Mr. F. J. McCullough
Mr. H. Dunne
Mr. A. O'Brien
Mr. J. Clarke

Mr. J. F. Reynolds,
Finance Officer
Mr. R. N. Lamb,
Personnel Officer
Mr. F. J. Elliott,
Planning & Evaluation Officer
Mr. P. J. Swords
Mr. J. Doyle
Mr. K. Quinn
Mr. J. A. Duggan
Mr. P. A. Sheehan
Miss K. Dolan
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CONDOLENCE

The Chairman informed the meeting of the death of Mr. F. J. Donohue's sister, Mrs. Igoe, and a vote of sympathy was passed with Mr. Donohue and the Igoe family on their loss.

The Chairman mentioned Senator Belton and the Chief Executive Officer, Mr. O Caoimh, were making good progress and asked that the good wishes of the Board for their return to duty would be sent to them.

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the monthly meeting of the 3rd May. 1973 having been circulated were confirmed on a proposal by Mr. D. O'Flynn, seconded by Dr. Stephen Doyle.

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PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEES

Reports of the proceedings of the following committees having been circulated were adopted as follows:

(a) "Report of Meeting of No. 1 Visiting Committee held at Newcastle Hospital on Thursday, 3rd May. 1973 at 2.30 p.m.

Present:

Councillor J. Temple. Chairman, Miss Lacey, Dr. J. McCormick. Dr. A. Meade, Councillor J. Sweeney.

In attendance:

Dr. Brian Laverty, Senior Psychiatrist; Miss Frances Heenan, Chief Nursing Officer; Mr. E. A. Dunphy, Senior Executive Officer.

Apologies:

Apologies were tendered on behalf of the following who were unable to attend: Councillor Guinan, Deputy G. Timmons, Dr. Thomas Egan, Mr. T. Leonard.

BUSINESS

The Committee reviewed the report of the Committee Meeting held on 28th August. 1972.

Medical Staff:

The Committee was informed of present staffing arrangements and of the fact that two permanent posts regained
vacant. Dr. Laverty gave details of the operation of the service and mentioned that day to day problems encountered included

(a) the difficulty in providing a proper environment for acute short stay patients due to the lack of adequate facilities elsewhere for geriatrics, mentally handicapped patients and patients with social problems, and (b) the absence of a team specialising in child psychiatry.

The following analysis of in-patients was furnished:

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The following resolution proposed by Dr. McCormick was passed unanimously:

"This Committee recommends to the Board that in filling Senior posts at Newcastle Hospital preference be given to Psychiatrists with a special knowledge of child psychiatry".

**School for Mentally Handicapped Children:**

Mr. Ounphy gave details of the operation of the School for Mentally Handicapped Children under the auspices of the County Wicklow Association for the Mentally Handicapped. Approximately seventeen moderately handicapped children with ages ranging from five to sixteen years were at present attending the School. The Association had recently requested extra accommodation to provide play facilities for the existing school and to cater for a Special Care Unit which it was proposed to establish. This request was at present being considered. The following resolution was passed unanimously.

"Subject to further investigation this Committee recommends that, if feasible, extra accommodation be made available".

**New Developments:**

Mr. Dunphy stated that the provision of alternative accommodation for mentally handicapped patients at present maintained at St. Ita's Hospital was still under consideration and
that no definite decision had as yet been reached. The question of a major reconstruction scheme at Newcastle was not, therefore, an immediate issue. The Committee was informed that the present condition of the main Hospital left much to be desired and that in the absence of a major reconstruction scheme in the near future a short term repair programme with a view to improving electrical and sanitary services would have to be seriously considered. The Committee recommended that this matter be given immediate consideration.

Home Help Service:
The question of home help service and the part this service could play in preventing admission to hospital was discussed at length.

Next Meeting:
The next meeting was fixed for Thursday, 24th May, 1973, as follows:
- St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum—3.00 p.m.
- Wicklow District Hospital—4.30 p.m.
The meeting concluded at approximately 4.30 p.m.

(b) "Report of Visiting Committee No. 1, Meeting held in St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum on Thursday, 24th May, 1973 at 3 p.m.

Present:
Mr. J. Temple, M.C.C., Miss M. Lacey, Dr. A. Meade, Mr. J. Sweeney, M.C.C., Mr. J. Guinan, M.C.C.
Councillor Temple presided.
An apology for inability to attend was received from Mr. G. Timmins, T.D.

Officers in Attendance:
Revd. Sister Philomena, Matron; Revd. Sister Dominic, Dr. C. F. Warde, County Medical Officer; Mr. T. Leonard, Engineering Officer; Mr. J. A. Duggan, Section Officer.

BUSINESS
1. Adoption of Minutes:
Minutes of Meeting held on 18th December, 1972, having been circulated were taken as read and were adopted on the proposal of Dr. Meade, seconded by Miss Lacey.

2. New Hospital Scheme:
Mr. Leonard, Engineering Officer outlined to the meeting, progress to date on the main Scheme. This was generally proceeding satisfactorily and was up to schedule. It was expected
that the present rate of progress would be maintained so enabling the new building to be brought into use before the onset of next winter. The members noted with satisfaction the extent of progress on the Scheme since the previous Meeting in December and the Chairman referred again to the dedication to duty of the Matron and her Staff who had been discharging their duties under conditions which were far from ideal.

3. **Supplementary Scheme of Development:**

Mr. Duggan informed the Meeting that following the recent submission for sanction to the Department of Health of a supplementary scheme providing inter alia for upgrading of St Kevin's Section, provision of Staff accommodation, new Mortuary, improvements to Convent, occupational Therapy facilities, improvement of ground etc., the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health, Mr. Barry, had paid a private visit to St. Colman's the previous week accompanied by Deputy Godfrey Timmins, Deputy Liam Kavanagh and Mr. P. J. Swords, Administrative Assistant. The Parliamentary Secretary had been very favourably impressed at the extent of the improvements being carried out and it was hoped accordingly that the sanction of the Minister to the Supplementary Scheme would be forthcoming in the near future.

4. **Waiting List:**

The Matron indicated that there was a waiting list of approximately 10 persons requiring admission. This was not as heavy as usual because doctors were in general aware of the erection of the new buildings and were restricting their requests for beds accordingly for the time being. It was noted by the Meeting that 156 patients were being accommodated at present.

5. **Help from Voluntary Organisations:**

The Matron indicated that a number of charitable Organisations in the County, in a variety of ways, had been and continued to be of great material help to St. Colman's and its patients. It was decided, at the suggestion of the Chairman, that these Bodies be written to and thanked for their interest.

The Meeting finished at 3.45 p.m.

Councillor John Sweeney requested that consideration should be given to an increase in the allowance to Old Age Pensioners in the Hospital from £1.50 per week to a sum consistent with current cost of living increases in items such as tobacco etc.
"Report of Visaing Committee No. 1, Meeting held in District Hospital, Wicklow, on Thursday, 24th May, 1973.

Present:

Mr. J. Temple, M.C.C., Miss M. Lacey, Mr. J. Sweeney, M.C.C., Mr. J. Guinan, M.C.C.

Councillor Temple presided

An apology for inability to attend was received from Mr. G. Timmins, T.O., and from Dr. A. Meade.

Officers in Attendance:

Miss N. Fitzpatrick, Matron; Dr. P. T. K. Liston, Visiting Medical Officer; Dr. C. F. Warde, County Medical Officer; Mr. T. Leonard, Engineering Officer; Mr. J. A. Duggan, Section Officer.

BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Minutes:

Minutes of Meeting held on 18th December, 1972, having been circulated, were taken as read and were adopted on the proposal of Councillor J. Sweeney, seconded by Miss Lacey.

2. Laundry Arrangements:

The Matron indicated that these were generally satisfactory but that occasionally some articles were not returned to them from the Central Laundry in James's Street. Mr. Leonard indicated that he would take the matter up with Mr. Ryan, Laundry Superintendent and that he felt it would be rectified in time.

3. Ambulance Officer:

Councillor Sweeney and Councillor Guinan recommended that an appointment should be made at the Hospital of a person with local knowledge of the Eastern half of the County who would be responsible for administering the ambulance service including the arranging of ambulance runs and so relieve the Matron and Nursing Staff of this duty.

Mr. Duggan indicated that a survey of the ambulance service in the Board's entire area including County Wicklow was at present being carried out and that it was hoped that recommendations from the survey would be available in the near future. The position of the ambulance service at the District Hospital, Wicklow would receive attention under the survey.
4. **Television Aerial:**

Mr. Leonard indicated that the provision of a dual aerial to allow two-channel reception for patients was in hands.

5. **Mortuary Facilities:**

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Leonard stated that the present Mortuary was inadequate and confirmed that it was intended to carry out improvements here in the near future.

6. **Ambulance Service:**

The question of Nurses and Attendants going out on ambulance calls from the Hospital was discussed. It was indicated that in all cases an Attendant accompanied the ambulance unless the presence of a Nurse was specifically requested by the Doctor requisitioning the Ambulance when a Nurse was then sent instead. It was indicated by Dr. Liston that the Ambulance Attendants had not received any formal training in first aid and after further discussion it was recommended by the Committee on the proposal of the Chairman that the Attendants be required to undergo a course of training in First Aid. Dr. Liston volunteered to provide this course in First Aid for the Attendants and it was agreed to leave the matter in the hands of Dr. Liston and the Matron to arrange in conjunction with the Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Warde.

7. **Maintenance of Grounds:**

Mr. Duggan indicated that the Board's head Gardener had recently surveyed the Hospital grounds and would be arranging for the planting of some suitable shrubs and for the general improvement of the grounds. The position was noted with satisfaction.

At the conclusion of business, Councillor Guinan indicated that he was very glad to be present in the Hospital for his first Committee Meeting there.

Dr. Liston, on behalf of the Matron and Staff expressed their appreciation of the many improvements carried out in the Hospital by the Board under the very competent supervision of Mr. Leonard, Engineering Officer.

The Meeting finished at 5:15 p.m."

(d) **Report of No. 2 Visiting Committee Meeting held at St. Patrick’s Home on Thursday, 3rd May, 1973 at 3.30 p.m.**

*Present:*

Councillor P. J. Burke, Mr. H. Corrigan, Miss K. Kinsella, Mr. M. Ruane, Dr. J. Mahon.

Councillor Burke presided
Officers in Attendance:

Dr. N. Buckley, Medical Officer; Sr. Angela and four members of the Community; Mr. J. J. Doyle, S.A.O. Welfare Services; Mr. G. Irwin, Engineering Officer; Mr. E. Sheehan, Homes Section; Miss M. O'Donnell, Clerk; Mr. A. O'Brien. S.E.O., Hospitals Department; Mr. T. Healy. Section Officer.

The Members and the Staff told Councillor Burke that they were very glad to see he had made such a wonderful recovery from his recent serious illness and they welcomed him back to the Committee.

BUSINESS

Since the last Visiting Committee at St. Patrick's Home in November, 1972, Sr. Bernadette O'Driscoll, Sister-in-Charge, died; the Chairman offered to the relatives of the late Sister and to the Community the sympathy of the Committee and of the staff. All those present joined him in this tribute to the late Sr. Bernadette.

Statistics for year 1972/73:

Dr. Buckley gave the following statistics of the services at St. Patrick's Home in the year ending 31st March, 1973:

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<td>Admitted from 1/4/72 to 31/3/73</td>
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<td>Re-admissions from Admitted to Home 1/4/72 to 31/3/73</td>
<td>181</td>
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<td>Discharged from 1/4/72 to 31/3/73</td>
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<td>Deaths (Under 1 year)</td>
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No. in Home at 31/3/73 | 83 | 97 |

(B) Analysis of Discharges:

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<td>To parents or relatives</td>
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<td>To friends</td>
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<td>To return to flat accommodation</td>
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To Hostels ............... 4  Boarded out by Health
To situations .......... 84  Boards .................. 18
To other homes ........ 9  To school or other
To hospital ........... 75  institutions ........... 34
Temporary discharges 94  On holiday ............ 1
Left without notice --- 4  To hospitals ........ 75

(C) Total adoptions for year ended 31/3/73 — 274

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TOTAL 274

The Committee noted that the two deaths (of children) shown above were the result of congenital ailments. Dr. Buckley told the Committee that they had epidemics of gastro-enteritis etc., from time to time but there were facilities in the Home for dealing with these and should it be necessary the patients could be sent to Cherry Orchard Hospital with which hospital they had excellent working arrangements. Dr. Buckley stated also that the service of Dr. V. Coffey, Visiting Paediatrician, were available to advise as required.

Financial Assistance for Unmarried Mothers:

The Members were anxious that all steps possible would be taken to ensure that any girl who wanted to keep her baby would not be prevented from doing so through lack of financial assistance. It was noted that the present tendency to exclude the putative father from all arrangements concerning the mother and the child may be unfair to some of the fathers and also to the mother and the baby; the Committee thought that, if it were possible, the fathers should be encouraged to take an active interest in the babies’ future and in the mothers’
general welfare. It was explained that where an unmarried mother could return to her family there appeared to be a reasonable hope of her rearing her baby, but where she had to fend for herself in flat accommodation there were many problems not the least of which was her own loneliness and isolation. Dr. Buckley told the Committee that recently she had visited the Community Care Centre in Crumlin and she was impressed by their approach and hoped to arrange close liaison with the Centre in any future cases (from the Crumlin area) where an unmarried mother wished to rear her baby.

Fire Precautions and new Telephone System:

The contract documents for the new telephone installation and fire alarm system referred to at the last Visiting Committee Meeting are being prepared and will be processed through the Department of Health as speedily as possible.

It was noted that there is need for continuous fire drill and fire precautions in the Home as mentioned at the last meeting.

Anonymity of Patients:

The Chief Executive Officers of the other Health Boards who maintain patients in St. Patrick’s Home have been circularised that it is important to preserve the anonymity of the patient, that the girls admitted are now given a code number on admission and that in any further correspondence, this code number only will be used.

Medical Cover of Adopted Children:

Dr. Buckley told the Committee that all babies adopted from St. Patrick’s Home receive such medical care (as they require) at St. Patrick’s Home during the first month of adoption and that they are then referred to the Child Welfare Clinic in their district or to the family doctor. The Committee considered that this was a valuable service.

Long-term Care:

The Committee noted that there were six beds for babies born in the Home who required long-term care. This number had been sufficient up to recently as there had been a turnover of these patients as soon as the Home had done all that could be done for them there. However, there were now some of these long-term patients who could no longer be helped in St. Patrick’s Home e.g. spastics etc., but it had become difficult recently to place them in other suitable institutions with the result that there was now some pressure on long-stay accommodation in the Home.
Adoption:

The Committee noted that the Health Board's decision in regard to adoption procedures had been conveyed to the Adoption Board and that developments to amend the present legislation covering adoptions were now awaited. In connection with the Health Board's recommendation the Members also noted that all possible medical tests were carried out on the babies born in St. Patrick's Home to determine whether they were healthy and fit for adoption. These tests could take up to six weeks or longer and the recommendation of the Health Board to reduce the present statutory period before placement for adoption from 6 months to 6 weeks might be difficult to implement.

Staff:

The Members complimented all the staff on their excellent work. The Chairman said that he appreciated all that the Community in St. Patrick's Home was doing for the unmarried mothers and he was sure the Board would make available adequate supporting staff as required. It was known that many members of the Community devote their off-duty time to helping the many cases of hardship which come their way. The Committee also paid special tribute to Doctors Stewart and V. Coffey who provided the maternity and paediatric services at the Home and Dr. Walshe, Psychiatrist, St. Loman's Hospital who visits the Home once each week or on request.

INSPECTIONS

The Committee inspected the following Units:
Holy Angels (babies from 6 weeks to 1 year old);
Our Lady's Nursery (babies up to 1 year);
St. Michael's Nursery (babies under 2 months);
St. Vincent's Nursery with playing area (for children up to 4 years);
Cubicle accommodation for girls;
Sitting Room and Dining Room accommodation.

The Members were very favourably impressed by the very high standard of maintenance and equipment in the Units they visited. They spoke with members of the staff in the units and Dr. Buckley gave a brief history of several of the babies and spoke on some of the problems that arise. The members were most appreciative of the way Dr. Buckley assisted them on their inspections.
Next Meeting:
At St. Brendan's Hospital at 3.00 p.m. on Thursday, 7th June, 1973.

The meeting concluded at 5.00 p.m.

(e) "Report of the Meeting of No. 3 Visiting Committee held at St. Ita's Hospital on Thursday, 3rd May, 1973 at 3 p.m.

Members Present:
Councillor Patrick Hickey, P.C., Chairman; Mr. M. Birmingham, Mr. Dermot O'Flynn.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Mr. J. Corcoran and Councillors Mahon and Cunningham.

Officers in Attendance:
Dr. J. T. Bergin, Medical Superintendent; Or. M. McGuinness, Clinical Director; Mr. E. Butler, S.E.O.; Mr. T. McNamee, Section Officer; Mr. B. Hannon, Head Male Nurse; Miss M. F. McEntee. Matron; Mr. T. Leonard, Engineering Officer.

A brief period of silence was observed for the late Councillor J. Dowling, R.I.P., who died since the last meeting. In proposing this the Chairman recalled the late Councillor's conscientious and regular attendance at the meetings.

Members Visits to Hospitals:
The Chairman noted that the Committee was now visiting the hospital for the best part of two and a half years. Some members did not attend at all. Deputy Dr. O'Connell attended one meeting. If the times of visiting were not suitable for the members, the Committee could arrange to change them. There was no reason why they could not visit as a Committee. This Committee visited the hospital regularly, have found the staff courteous, efficient and under all circumstances very good work was being done. Adverse publicity, if it arose, could have a damaging effect on the hospital's function in several ways.

Patients who needed treatment could be discouraged from coming in until their conditions had deteriorated to such an extent that treatment would not be as effective as it should be if the patients had not been originally deterred from accepting it through such bad publicity. Such patients could be affected for the rest of their lives.

Staff recruitment could be very detrimentally affected also. People do not apply for posts where there is a bad public image. Mr. Birmingham and Mr. O'Flynn endorsed the Chairman's remarks. Mr. O'Flynn pointed out that there were many
situations where money was required to make improvements. However, the taxpayers money was not something available on demand at the hospital. The staff and hospital were providing a very good service with the available facilities and in an area where the work could often be difficult and trying. These are matters of much concern to the Committee.

Dr. Bergin, Medical Superintendent, said that it was an excellent thing that the staff should know that they enjoy the support of the Committee in their work.

Ward 8 (Mate):

Arising from the minutes of the last meeting, the Engineering Officer told the Chairman that arrangements were now completed for renovation of bathroom and toilets in Wards 8A and 8B. It is hoped to have the work started when the heating is shut down, probably some time after the middle of the month.

In reply to Mr. O'Flynn he said that the new exit mentioned will not be an 'extra' but will replace a doorway which will be closed in the process of renovating the toilets.

Central Heating Contract:

Mr. Leonard also told the Chairman that the renewal of the central heating was proceeding satisfactorily and work was now being done in some of the wards and staff homes. This naturally causes inconvenience. Very good co-operation is being received from the staff.

Admission Unit:

The Chairman was informed that work on the alterations in the Admission Unit was proceeding satisfactorily.

Dr. McGuinness said that when the work in the Admission Unit is completed it will allow for a tremendous advance in the working of this section of the hospital. When the second phase is completed it will be possible to arrange for a twice yearly revision of all psychiatric patients in the hospital.

Patients' Statistics:

The Chairman was told that patient numbers total one thousand, three hundred and thirty eight (1,338) made up as

(a) Psychiatric, 528 (b) Psycho Geriatric, 278 and (c) Mentally Handicapped, 532.

Dr. Bergin told the Committee that the hospital was still overcrowded. The Psychiatric and Psycho-Geriatric population will in time run down. There appeared no prospect of this
in the case of Mentally Handicapped. The necessity for new places is still there.

He referred to his statement at a previous meeting and said that in mentioning a figure of five per cent (5%) to be considered fit for discharge, he was speaking solely of the group of psychiatric patients who had passed the age of sixty-five years.

Excluding the Acute Treatment Centre in St. Ita's where patients are regularly admitted and discharged, up to twenty per cent of the chronic patient population of the hospital could be considered for discharge into a sheltered environment.

**Staff:**

In reply to the Chairman, Dr. Bergin said that there was still difficulty in filling senior staff posts. In this matter he was in regular contact with the Personnel Department. Dr. McGuinness said that a Senior Psychiatrist had been appointed to the Psychiatric team.

Mr. O'Flynn in speaking of the difficulty in recruiting staff asked whether anything could be done to have credit for pensionable service in England and abroad given here.

**Inspection:**

The Committee visited Female Wards 1 and 1C. Originally, these were one ward (i.e. Ward 1 Female) and contained from sixty to sixty-five patients. As heretofore, by dividing the wards it was possible to improve the overall standard.

The date of the next meeting at St. Ita's was fixed for Wednesday, 8th August, 1973 at 3 p.m.

The Committee thanked the staff and in particular the Catering Superintendent and his staff for the excellent tea provided".

(1) "Report of Meeting of No. 4 Visiting Committee held at St. Loman's Hospital at 3 p.m. on Thursday, 5th April. 1973.

**Present:**

Dr. P. C. Jennings, Dr. J. Walker. Dr. D. Doyle, Deputy R. Timmons, Mr. K. Harrington.

**Officers in Attendance:**

Dr. T. Fahy, Clinical Director; Miss K. Golden, Matron; Mr. E. Butler, Senior Executive Officer; Mr. W. Rogers, Clerk of Works; Mr. P. McGrath, Assistant Section Officer.
Chairman: Dr. Jennings.

At Dr. Jennings' request, Dr. Fahy outlined the range of services being provided from St. Loman's. These include the holding of up to thirteen outpatient clinics per week; with day centre facilities at Crumlin and the Bungalow (in St. Loman's Hospital grounds) and hostel accommodation for sixteen at St. Mary's Hospital. Dr. Fahy stressed that the major problem was the inadequacy of hostel facilities. Proposals for purchasing houses in the area for this purpose are being considered at present. It is also hoped that the standard of accommodation in St. Mary's Flats can be improved.

There is a very high turnover of patients in the hospital with approximately 1,200 admissions per year. This leads to up to 20 beds being vacant at any time. The committee discussed ways of utilising these vacant beds and would like to discuss the matter again.

The Child Psychiatric Services were discussed at length. Dr. Doyle suggested that much more accommodation for children in need of residential care would appear to be needed. Mr. Butler explained that plans were being examined for the provision of more residential centres including a hostel for adolescents at North Circular Road, a day centre and possibly a residential centre at Marlay House, Rathfarnham and at Warrenstown, Blanchardstown and the use of the former dispensary at Castleknock. The committee expressed a wish to meet Dr. P. McCarthy to discuss the matter fully with him.

The committee visited Units A and C. They suggested that consideration ought to be given to installing showers in all the Units. They also commented on the lack of outdoor recreational facilities for staff but considered that recommendations and suggestions in this matter should come from the staff.

It was agreed to meet Dr. P. McCarthy on Thursday, 3rd May, 1973. Details of time and place of meeting to be arranged by Mr. Butler and Dr. Jennings.

The meeting concluded at 5.30 p.m."

(g) "Report of Visiting Committee No. 4 on Child Psychiatric Services at Usher's Island on 3rd May, 1973, at 3.00 p.m.

Present:
Dr. P. C. Jennings (Chairman), Dr. J. Walker, Dr. J. S. Doyle. Dr. R. Carroll. Mr K A Harrington, B.D.S."
Officers in Attendance:

Dr. P. McCarthy, Clinical Director; Dr. G. O'Neill, Senior Psychiatrist; Dr. V. O'Donnell, Senior Psychiatrist; Mr. W. Rogers, Clerk of Works; Mr. T. Harty, Section Officer.

The Visiting Committee, following their visit to St. Loman's had requested a meeting with the Director of the Child Psychiatric Services to obtain an account of the present state of their development. Dr. McCarthy outlined the position in St. Loman's where there was constant pressure on beds. It was explained that with a child population in excess of 300,000 in the Board's area, plans had been formulated to provide three Residential Units of twenty beds each. These Units, when commissioned, should be able to deal with the acute psychiatrically ill children. The service provided by the Mater Hospital and St. John of God's was also described. Dr. McCarthy outlined the existing facilities provided by the three services and emphasised the necessity for attention to the provision of facilities in the rapidly expanding suburbs of Dublin. The various types of mental illness affecting children, family problems, remedial teaching, etc., were discussed at some length.

It was explained to the Chairman that Dr. McCarthy, in common with the other Clinical Directors, had forwarded a report for the development of his particular service to the Programme Manager. The Programme Manager, in his five-year plan for the development of the Mental Health Services, had incorporated the salient features of these reports, and they had been adopted as policy by the Board. Dr. Jennings requested that an assessment of the progress of the implementation of the plan for the Child Psychiatric Services be made.

The problem of juvenile criminal misbehaviour was discussed with particular relation to the age group 14-16 who appear in Court and need custodial care but for whom there is at present no such place of detention. The Visiting Committee felt that it was somebody's responsibility to provide care and treatment for this group and feel the Board should help towards its solution.

The Committee then visited the Child and Family Centre at Claddagh Green where they were met by Dr. O'Neill who described the working of the Clinic. They were impressed by the relaxed and pleasant surroundings of the Clinic and the very attractive standard of the decor. They wished to pay tribute to the very high standard of care being delivered to the patients by the staff in the Clinic. The Chairman suggested
that the Committee should include the Child Psychiatric Services in their routine visits.

The meeting concluded at 5.30 p.m.".

A general discussion took place on the problems arising in the field of Child Psychiatry and how best to deal with it inside the finances available. Dr. Cullen informed the members that there was an inter-departmental committee in existence under the chairmanship of Judge Henchy, which might be of assistance if its report was available and it was agreed that steps should be taken to ascertain what progress the inter-departmental committee had made. The following members contributed to the debate—Dr. Jennings, Dr. O’Connell, Miss K. Kinsella, Dr. Stephen Doyle, Mr. D. O’Flynn, Dr. Cullen; Commissioner Hayes and Professor Browne answered the various points raised, at the conclusion of which the following motion proposed by Dr. J. Stephen Doyle and seconded by Dr. J. O’Connell was passed by 22 votes to 3.

"That the Eastern Health Board immediately start recruiting staff for the Child Psychiatric Services and employ them initially at St. Loman’s Hospital prior to transfer to other Centres".

FOR:
M. Birmingham, P. J. Burke, M. Carroll, Hugh Corrigan, Dr. J. Cullen, M. Cunningham, Dr. J. S. Doyle, K. Harrington, P. Hickey, Dr. Jennings, K. Kinsella, T. Leonard, A. Mahon, Dr. J. R. Mahon, Dr. A. Meade, Dr. J. O’Connell, D. O’Flynn, J. O’Keeffe, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, E. Timmons, Dr. J. Walker. (22).

AGAINST:
J. Berry, J. Guinan and L. Hayes. (3).

Before the conclusion of the meeting Councillor Guinan explained to the meeting that since the vote on this motion he had been furnished with certain information by Dr. Jennings and if he were in possession of this information at the time he would not have opposed the motion.

61/73 DUBLIN CORPORATION (APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS) ORDER 1973

The following Report No. 32/1973 from the Deputy Chief Executive Officer was submitted and noted. The Chairman welcomed the Commissioners who attended:
The members will be aware that the Minister for Local Government by Order dated 1st May, 1973 has appointed 45 Commissioners to carry out the functions of Dublin Corporation and at the first meeting of the Commissioners held on the 14th May, 1973, the following Commissioners were appointed as its representatives on the Eastern Health Board for the period to end on the day of the first quarterly meeting held after the next Municipal Election:

Tom Leonard, 283 Navan Road, Dublin 7.
Eugene Timmons, T.D., 42 Copeland Avenue, Dublin 3.
Liam Hayes, 8 Fitzmaurice Road, Dublin 11.
James O'Keeffe. 138 Sundrive Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12.
Denis Larkin, 10 Marino Park, Fairview. Dublin 3.
J. F. O'Connell. T.D., 64 Inchicore Road, Dublin 8.
John Berry, 'St. Anne's', 24 Windsor Road, Rathmines, Dublin 6".

62/73 LANDS AT EATON ROAD. TERENURE

The following Report No. 30/1973 from the Deputy Chief Executive Officer was submitted:

"At meeting held on the 25th March, 1971 the Board approved the terms on which an area (25 perches, 18 square yards) of the Board's land at Eaton Road/Terenure Road North was to be leased to Terenure Old Folks' Group, Irish Red Cross Society, for the purpose of building an Old Folks' Club.

The building, a permanent structure, has since been erected.

The Society has requested that the term of years for the purpose of the Lease be increased from 10 to 35 years. The Minister for Health has stated that he would approve of the extension of the lease to 35 years.

I propose to accede to the Society's request".

On a proposal by Mr. D. O'Ffynn and seconded by Councillor P. J. Burke, it was unanimously resolved as follows:

"It is proposed that Report No. 30/1973 be adopted".

63/73 ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES 1973/74

The following Report No. 34/1973 from the Deputy Chief Executive Officer was circulated:
"Revenue Budget:

The Department of Health in letter dated 30th April, 1973 have indicated that the approved net expenditure of the Eastern Health Board, (including provision for St. James' Hospital and James Connolly Memorial Hospital for 1973/74 is £30,931.000. The Estimated net expenditure for 1973/74 approved by the Board in respect of the services directly administered by it was £28,949,600. The proportion of the approved figure of £30,931,000 relating to these services is £27,309,000. Included in this figure is an amount of £1,000,000 for increased Capitation Rates to Voluntary Hospitals for which provision was not made by the Board, in the absence of prior notification of such increase. The amount by which the Board's Estimate exceeded the Department's provision is therefore £2,640,000.

The amount of £27,309,000 approved by the Minister is based on an estimated net health expenditure of £24,033,000 for 1972/73—the corresponding figure as estimated by the Board was £25,623,000 representing a difference of £1,230,000. Although the Board's full commitments for 1972/73 have not yet been totally ascertained, it seems at this stage, that the final outcome of 1972/73 will approximate to the Board's figure. The Finance Officer has recently discussed this matter in detail with officials of the Department of Health who have agreed that the final figure of expenditure will be the basis on which they will make payment to the Board. It will be appreciated that it is extremely difficult to make a precise estimate of the out-turn of 1972/73 in view of the uncertainty relating to cost levels in respect of some new major projects including the Choice of Doctor Scheme, etc.

Taking the above figure of £1,230,000 into account the actual difference relative to 1973/74 between the Department and the Board's Estimate is £1,410,600. This represents, in effect, an adjustment of estimated expenditure and income as follows:

| Estimated savings on General Hospital Programme | £580,000 |
| Estimated savings on Special Hospital Programme | £160,000 |
| Estimated savings on Community Care Programme | £584,000 |

£1,324,000

Increase in estimated income . . . . . . . . . . £86,600

£1,410,000
While adjustments are required to be made in the present Estimates of expenditure, the Department officials, in the course of discussion with the Finance Officer, stressed that it was not the intention of the Minister to restrict the approved services being undertaken by the Board. If it were found that inescapable costs had the effect of increasing the expenditure on these services above the level now estimated a suitable payments adjustment would be made.

It was stressed, too, that the proposals for expansion and improvements of services approved by the Board and the Minister would not be affected by the adjustment of the Revenue Estimates. During the current year it is expected that work will proceed on new health centres, hostels for the mentally ill and homes for the aged, in addition to improvements in the Board's general and psychiatric hospitals. These works are detailed in the section of this report dealing with the Capital Budget.

Furthermore the revenue allocation now being provided includes provision of £489,000 for expansion of services, made up as follows:

- Additional Staff: £220,000
- Additional Beds in Voluntary Hospitals: £119,000
- Other non-pay Costs: £150,000

Total: £489,000

In addition, a Special Budgetary Provision has been made by the Government for the purpose of improvements in the general welfare code. A sum of £158,700 has been allocated to the Eastern Health Board for the employment of skilled Social Workers, who will engage in community welfare schemes and for the provision of specialised services, such as Home Helps. A sum of £450,000 has been provided for care allowances for parents of severely handicapped children under 16 years of age. A proportion of this sum will be allocated to the Eastern Health Board.

**Capital Budget:**

The following letter dated 11th May, 1973, has been received from the Department of Health:

"I am directed by the Minister for Health to refer to the question of allocating the capital funds which will be available for hospital building in 1973/74 and to say that he has reviewed the situation for your Health Board in the light of the
overall capital allocation for hospitals, the amount required to provide for existing inescapable commitments, and the needs of voluntary hospitals and institutions for the mentally handicapped. He has considered the various new projects proposed by your Health Board and also the extent to which realistically speaking, the development of the planning work on those projects is such as to warrant provision being made for actual expenditure on them in the year 1973/74. The specific projects which it is suggested might be started in that year insofar as your Health Board is concerned are set out in the attached statement”.

(a) **General Hospitals:**

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<td>*St. Mary’s Hospital, Phoenix Park</td>
<td>Continuation of improvements scheme.</td>
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<td>Improvement of ante-natal clinic.</td>
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(b) **Accommodation for the Aged:**

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<td>Donnybrook</td>
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<td>*St. Clare’s Home</td>
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<td>*St. Colman’s, Rathdrum</td>
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(b) **Psychiatric Accommodation**

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<td>St. Ita’s Hospital, Portrane</td>
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<td>(ii) Improvements to female chronic block.</td>
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<td>Hostels in community.</td>
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(d) **Health Centres etc:**

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The Deputy Chief Executive Officer explained the situation and referred to Page 2. paragraphs 1 and 2 of the report where
it was stressed that it was not the intention of the Minister to restrict the approved services being undertaken by the Board if it were found that inescapable costs had the effect of increasing the expenditure on those services above the level estimated. After a discussion to which Deputy O'Connell, Councillors P. J. Burke and J. Guinan contributed and to which the Finance Officer, Mr. J. F. Reynolds, replied, the following resolution proposed by Deputy G. Timmins and seconded by Commissioner L. Hayes was unanimously adopted:

"That the Eastern Health Board consent to the proposals contained in Report No. 34/1973".

64/73 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SERVICES

The following Report No. 31/1973 from the Deputy Chief Executive Officer was submitted:

"In Report No. 138/72 the Board agreed to a request from Wicklow County Council pursuant to Section 25 of the Health Act, 1970 to perform and exercise the functions of the Council in the sphere of Public Assistance. As in the case of Kildare County Council on behalf of whom the Board is already performing Public Assistance functions, no time limit was set as to the period involved. Wicklow County Council have now, by letter dated 17th May, 1973, advised the Board that the Departments of Health, Social Welfare and Local Government have been informed of this arrangement with effect from 1st April, 1973 and from that date the Superintendent Assistance Officer and six Assistance Officers employed by Wicklow County Council have, with their consent, been seconded to the service of the Eastern Health Board.

In the same report the Board were advised that the agreements with Dublin County Council and Dublin Corporation for the administration of their Public Assistance functions by the Board would expire on 31st March, 1973. These Authorities have now resolved to continue the arrangements whereby the Board will administer for a further period of one year from 1st April, 1973 on behalf of Dublin Corporation and Dublin County Council their powers, functions and duties relating to Public Assistance services and the consent of the Minister for Local Government has been sought in each case".

On a proposal by Mr. H. Corrigan, seconded by Councillor M. Carroll it was unanimously resolved as follows:

'That the Eastern Health Board consent to the proposals contained in Report No. 31 1973".
The following Report No. 29/1973 from the Deputy Chief Executive Officer was submitted:

"KILDARE - 24th May

(1) It was proposed by Councillor W. Callaghan, seconded by Councillor T. Byrne and unanimously agreed to recommend to the Eastern Health Board that in view of the grave shortage of accommodation experienced during the Winter of last year, that priority be given to the erection of a 30-bed Acute Unit at the County Hospital, Naas.

(2) The following resolution proposed by Councillor T. Byrne and seconded by Councillor J. Hickey was unanimously approved:

'That the Eastern Health Board recommend to the Minister for Health to include the following motion in the Health Board Local Committee Regulations That Members who fail to attend three consecutive meetings of a Local Health Committee be automatically disqualified from membership of that Committee and that the group who nominated the disqualified person be requested to nominate an alternative member**.

(3) Appointment of New Member. Recommended that Dr. Maeve Binchy be appointed to Kildare Local Health Committee in place of Dr. C. Warde who has resigned.

WICKLOW - 25th April

It was proposed by Councillor R. Miley, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and resolved:

"That it be recommended to the Board that it proceed immediately with the provision of new Clinic premises on a Site which was now available from the Arklow Urban District Council; that consultations with the appropriate parties take place as soon as possible re the provision of a Site in Wicklow and the erection thereon of new Clinic Premises and that the provision of a Group Practice Centre in Greystones be deferred for the present".

Re Kildare Recommendations:

No. (1) was noted and No. (2) was amended as follows and adopted on a proposal by Dr. J. Walker, seconded by Cllr. M. Cunningham:

"Adopt recommendation from Kildare Local Health Committee re attendance qualification unless a valid reason be
submitted and accepted as valid by the majority of the Committee".

Re Wicklow Recommendations:
Wicklow recommendation was agreed to unanimously.

66/73 VACANCIES ON JAMES CONNOLLY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOARD AND ST: JAMES'S HOSPITAL BOARD

Vacancy—James Connolly Board
Councillor J. Guinan was proposed by Councillor M. Carroll seconded by Deputy G. Timmins for the vacancy and there being no other nominations Councillor Guinan was unanimously elected.

Vacancy—St. James's Board
Councillor M. Carroll proposed and Deputy G. Timmins seconded a proposal that Councillor Guinan be nominated for the vacancy and he was unanimously elected.

St. James's Hospital
It was agreed that arrangements for the working party to consider the basis of representation on the Hospital Board should be made by the Deputy Chief Executive Officer.

67/73 COMHAIRLE NA N-OSPIDEAL

The following Circular No. 1/1973 from Comhairle na n-Ospideal regarding Out-Patient Clinics conducted by Consultants was submitted:

"Comhairle na n-Ospideal has been considering the question of the conduct of out-patient clinics by Consultants in hospitals—both Health Board and other public hospitals (e.g. voluntary hospitals)—providing services under the Health Acts, in relation to its function of regulating the number and type of Consultant appointments under Section 41 of the Health Act. 1970.

The Comhairle has decided to adopt the following general rules in relation to out-patient clinics conducted by Consultants:

(a) Additional clinics to be conducted by Consultants on the staff of a hospital on 1st July, 1972 or appointed to posts approved by the Comhairle subsequent to that date, will be decided by the appropriate Health Board subject to any guidelines on attendance levels which may be specified by the Comhairle and provided the clinic is in the speciality for which the Consultant was appointed. Any
case of doubt on the latter point should be referred to the Comhairle for decision.

(b) The Comhairle will periodically review the development of out-patient clinics. To facilitate this, health boards will be requested to furnish such figures as may be required by the Comhairle in relation to clinics conducted by Consultants in their areas including those conducted in voluntary hospitals and paid for by health boards.

(c) Consultants appointed to vacancies, the filling of which have been approved by the Comhairle, will automatically be recognised for the conduct of the clinics of the Consultant being replaced.

(d) The approval of the Comhairle will be necessary:

(i) where it is proposed to hold a clinic in a speciality which was not previously held at the particular hospital concerned;

(ii) where it is proposed that a Consultant, not on the staff of the hospital (i.e. with no responsibility for in-patient work), should conduct a clinic;

(iii) where it is proposed to discontinue a clinic—the initiative in approaching the Comhairle may be taken by the appropriate health board, say. on the basis of attendance figures.

(e) Locum arrangements e.g. to cover sick leave or other absences will be left to the appropriate authority. Where the period involved exceeds six months, the Comhairle's approval will be necessary. In all cases, the person who will act as locum should have the minimum professional qualifications specified by the Comhairle for the post for a similar post) to which the clinic is attached.

The co-operation of Health Boards and other public hospital authorities in complying with the general rules set out above would be greatly appreciated*.

Letter dated 15th May, 1973 from the Deputy Chief Executive Officer to Comhairle na n-Ospideal raising certain points was read and the Comhairle's reply of the 25th May was also read. The correspondence was noted.

68/73 QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor M. Carroll, seconded by Commissioner L. Hayes that the Chief Executive Officer answer the questions lodged.
QUESTIONS—COUNCILLOR J. GUINAN:

1. (a) The number of projects that each of the following Consultant Architects were engaged on:
   Mr. T. F. Inglis.

   (b) The amount of fees paid to the aforementioned companies from
       (i) 1967 to the cessation of Dublin Health Authority,
       (ii) The amount from the establishment of the Eastern Health Board to date.

REPLY (a) & (b)

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QUESTION No. 2—COUNCILLOR J. GUINAN:

(a) The names of the companies engaged in tiling and flooring by the Dublin Health Authority from 1967 to its cessation.

(b) The names of the companies engaged in tiling and flooring by the Eastern Health Board to date.

(c) The amount paid to each Contractor for the periods mentioned.
**REPLY:**

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**69/73 NOTICE OF MOTION**

The following Motion in the name of Councillor Guinan was proposed by him and seconded by Commissioner L. Hayes, and was noted.

'That the Eastern Health Board view with satisfaction the decision of the Government, in making 1.5 million pounds available, to Thalidomide victims"
CORRESPONDENCE

(a) The following letter dated 15th May, 1973 regarding site at Mount Brown was read and the Deputy Chief Executive Officer advised the meeting that a further report would be submitted to the Board regarding the proposed leasing of a further section of this site to the same body for development:

"I am directed by the Minister for Health to refer to your letter of 12th September, 1972 (Ref. H.D. 1102 S5) and previous correspondence and to state that no objection is raised to the leasing of an additional .5 acre of land at St. James's Hospital to the Governing Body of U.C.D. It is noted that it is proposed to use the ground for the development of research projects by the College's Department of Psychiatry and not for the extension of endocrinological services".

(b) Letter dated 8th May, 1973, from the family of the late Archbishop Dr. McQuaid was read thanking the members and the officials of the Eastern Health Board for their kind messages of sympathy and to record their appreciation of the wonderful attention the late Archbishop received during his sojourn at St. Columcille's Hospital.

(c) Correspondence from the Civil Defence Officer regarding contingency plans to receive and accommodate refugees was read and the Board approved of Mr. J. Doyle's appointment as its co-ordinating officer.

The date of the annual meeting was fixed for Thursday, 5th July, 1973 at 6 p.m.

The meeting concluded at 7.30 p.m.

CORRECT:

J. J. NOLAN.

Deputy Chief Executive Officer.

Chairman.