

EASTERN REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

**Minutes of proceedings of Board Meeting
held in the Board Room, Dr. Steevens' Hospital, Dublin 8
on Thursday 5th April 2001 at 6.00 p.m.**

Present

Mr. P. Aspell	Dr. S. Barry
Mr. G. Brady	Cllr. C. Burke
Cllr. M. Corrigan	Cllr. C. Byrne
Cllr. E. Byrne	Ald. I. Callely TD
Mr. M. Cowley	Cllr. Ann Devitt
Cllr. T. Cullen	Mr. J. Dolan
Cllr. P. Doran	Ald. Sen. J. Doyle
Cllr D.Heney	Mr. J. Fallon
Cllr. T. Fox	Dr. M. Gueret
Dr. K. Harkin	Ms. A. Harris
Ms. N. Harvey	Mrs. C. Quinn
Dr. M. Laffoy	Mr. P. Ledwidge
Cllr. C. McGrath	Mr. G. McGuire
Cllr. M. Miley	Dr M. Molloy
Dr. B. Murphy	Cllr M.O'Donovan
Sen. S. O'Fearghail	Cllr. E. O'Brien
Cllr Dr W. O'Connell	Dr. P. O'Connell
Cllr C. O'Connor	Cllr. J. Reilly
Mr. L. Tuomey	Cllr. D. Tipping
Cllr. R. Shortall T.D.	Ald. M. Mooney

In the Chair

Alderman Ivor Callely TD

Apologies

Cllr Jane Dillon Byrne	Cllr Andrew Doyle
Ms. M. Hoban	Dr John Fennell

In Attendance

Mr. Donal O Shea	Ms. Angela Fitzgerald	Mr. Martin Devine
Mr. Pat McLoughlin	Ms. Maureen Browne	Ms. Angela Kerrigan
Dr. Brian O'Herlihy	Ms. Helen Stokes	
Ms. Carol Ivory		

The Chairman read the Opening Prayer

01/04/22 CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

Agenda Item No. 1

- The Chairman offered condolences to Cllr. Jim Reilly on the death of his brother, Mr Charles Reilly, R.I.P.; to Mr. Phillip Doyle, Estates Manager on the death of his father, Mr John Doyle, R.I.P, and Mr. Michael Kelly, Secretary General, Department of Health and Children on the death of his father, Mr Michael Kelly, R.I.P. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting for five minutes as a mark of respect.
- Apologies for non attendance were received from Cllr Jane Dillon Byrne, Cllr Andrew Doyle, Ms. M. Hoban and Dr John Fennell.
- Cllr Jim Reilly thanked the members of the Board, the CEO and management for their generous concern and determination to make contact with him during this trying time. He said that this was sincerely appreciated and an important support at this time.
- It was agreed that all members would be registered for attendance at the Annual Conference of Health Boards on 27/28 April 2001. Details of members to be sent to Mr Martin Devine.
- The next meeting of the Finance and Property Committee will take place on Wednesday 11th April at 9:45a.m. in the Board Room, Dr. Steeven's Hospital.
- The Special Board meeting on Childcare Policy will take place on Wednesday 11th April at 6:00p.m. in the Board Room Dr. Steeven's Hospital
- The Acute Hospitals and Primary Care Committee will meet on Wednesday 18th April at 6:00p.m. in the Board Room Dr. Steeven's Hospital.
- The Continuing Care and Social Services Committee will meet on Wednesday 9th May at 10:30a.m. in the Board Room Dr. Steeven's Hospital.
- The next meeting of the Board will take place on Thursday 3rd May at 6:00p.m. in the Board Room Dr. Steeven's Hospital.

01/04/23 Minutes of proceedings of meeting held on Thursday 1st March 2001

Agenda Item No. 2

The draft Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1st March 2001 (copy appended to the official minute), having being circulated were proposed for adoption by Cllr. C. O'Connor and seconded by Cllr. Martin Miley and agreed.

01/04/24 Questions to Chief Executive

Agenda Item No. 3

Questions agreed to be put by the Board to the Chief Executive on proposal of Cllr. Ivor Callely and seconded by Ald. Sen. Joe Doyle.

3.1 Cllr Eamonn O'Brien

"That a report be made available as to why the National Counselling Service for Survivors of Institutional Abuse is still not operating effectively. I have received a number of complaints and have tested positively that the only response from the phone numbers provided 1800 234 112 is an answering machine!

Reply

The telephone number quoted refers to the counselling service provided by the South Western Area Health Board for Adults who experienced childhood abuse.

We have been assured by the South Western Area Health Board that this number is staffed during normal office hours by dedicated staff.

3.2 Dr Barney Murphy

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline progress on the implementation of the recommendations of the Report "Development of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Services in the Eastern Health Board Region" of February 1999.

Could the Chief Executive indicate the membership of the Group responsible for the implementation of these recommendations and who is the chairperson of this Group, how often this Group has met in the last 12 months, whether it is intended to implement in full the recommendations of the Report and the proposed timeframe for the implementation programme".

Reply

Following the establishment of the three new area health boards in March of 2000 responsibility for progressing this report was allocated to Mr. Seamus O'Brien, Assistant Chief Executive, Special Projects, South Western Area Health Board who is the Chair for the project.

A meeting was held in November 2000 involving representatives from the three Area Health Boards, St. James's Hospital, the Department of Health & Children and the Dublin Dental Hospital. The purpose of this meeting was to resolve any outstanding matters and to progress the implementation of the original report of 1999 regarding the development of Oral and Maxillofacial Services in the region and to agree a development brief for the new unit.

A further meeting of the group was held on December 13th 2000 with representatives from the ERHA. This meeting completed the design brief and circulated it widely for approval. In the interim correspondence has been sent to the Department of Health & Children seeking approval of funding for a design

team. A further meeting is scheduled for next week with the Department of Health & Children, ERHA, Area Health Boards, St. James's Hospital and the Dublin Dental hospital to finalise discussion on the development briefs and to move towards the appointment of a design team subject to financial approval.

The chairmanship of the group will remain with the South Western Area Health Board and the Board will remain the principal agency in the project in close conjunction with senior management from St. James's Hospital. The implementation of the Capital project is dependant on the allocation of NDP resources.

3.3 Cllr Christy Burke

"To ask the CEO if he would make a statement in relation to the 11 Ambulances that cover the City of Dublin. Would he state when he intends to increase the fleet given the rise in the population, and would he confirm if a similar request were received from the Chief Fire Officer".

Reply:

The East Coast Area Health Board has statutory responsibility for the provision of the Emergency Ambulance Service in the Region. This service is provided by a combination of the Health Board's Ambulance Service and Dublin Corporation's Fire Brigade Service. The East Coast Area Health Board funds the cost of the Ambulance Service provided by Dublin Fire Brigade.

The need for additional ambulances is decided in the context of the overall resources available and their capacity to meet the demands for emergency ambulance services.

The Chief Ambulance Officer reviews the need for emergency ambulance service resources on an on-going basis and the requirement to increase the resources is identified by him. The Chief Ambulance Officer works closely with the Chief Fire Officer to ensure the adequacy of the Emergency Ambulance Service.

The Eastern Regional Health Authority has allocated an additional £1.6m to the East Coast Area Health Board for the development of pre-hospital and ambulance services in 2001. This allocation will enable significant developments to be undertaken to improve further the emergency ambulance service, including the purchase of four new A & E ambulances, 4 X 4 wheel drive ambulance vehicles, 4 Motorcycles and training equipment, radio and communications equipment, ambulance equipment and the training and recruitment of additional ambulance personnel.

3.4 Cllr Roisin Shortall

"To ask the CEO why the Eastern Community Work service to Kildare is much better than it is in Dublin; to provide details of the number of crews and staff

allocated to each health board area; and the typical waiting times per each health board area.”

Eastern Community Works is a regional service provided from Emmet House on behalf of all three Area Boards.

In the Kildare/West Wicklow area the South Western Area Health Board employs its own teams to carry out work under the scheme. There are currently two teams in situ comprising of 3 members each. The waiting list for Kildare/West Wicklow is 420 at present and can run from 2 months to 4 years depending on the urgency of the application. Applications are prioritised on the basis of need, which is usually determined by the Public Health Nurse, Occupational Therapist or Area Medical Officer.

In the Dublin area Fas workers and small contractors are used to carry out the work. In the Wicklow area contractors are used exclusively. Grants are provided in the Dublin and Wicklow regions where people have the capacity and are willing to get their own contractors. The majority of these grants are presently being used for central heating.

The total waiting list for Eastern Community Works is 1,795 and the numbers for the three Area Health Boards are – South Western Area Health Board 760; East Coast Area Health Board 371, Northern Area Health Board 664. The waiting times for works to be carried out is broken down into three categories – Urgent (12%) with works to be carried out within a 6 month period; Necessary but not urgent (58%) – works to be carried out within a 2 year period and Minor Repairs (30%) – as resources permit.

3.5 Cllr Roisin Shortall

“To ask the CEO to outline his response to the enclosed PQ regarding the special housing aid for the elderly scheme, and in particular the Department’s view that funding is based on the information received from the health boards with regard to number of applications, health board activity etc; and to explain why the health boards in this region consistently receive half of the funding that its population would warrant.

PQ:

To the Minister for the Environment and Local Government:

To ask the Minister for the Environment and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to the serious backlog of work under the special housing aid for the elderly scheme within the eastern region; the percentage of the total fund which was allocated to the eastern region in each of the past five years; the reason this does not reflect the size of population in the east which is over one-third of the national population; and if he will take urgent action to ensure that the east

receives its fair share of funding in order to tackle the long backlog of work.

- Róisín Shortall.

For WRITTEN answer on Wednesday, 7th March, 2001.

Ref No: 7145/01

REPLY

Minister of State at the Department of the Environment and Local Government
(Mr. Robert Molloy):

The allocation of funds to the health boards is determined by the Task Force on Special Housing Aid for the Elderly, who, under the aegis of my Department, administer the scheme, and is based, not on the geographical spread of the population, but on information received from the health boards on their level of activity, the number of applications on hands and the estimated cost of these applications.

The percentage of the total provision which was allocated to the Eastern Health Board in the past five years is as follows:-

1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
17.5%	17.4%	18%	18.3%	16.8%

Reply from Chief Executive

Resources allocated for this scheme are based on activity levels and waiting lists at the end of each year. Last year a validation was undertaken on the waiting list in the eastern region. As a result the waiting list was reduced and this in turn lead to reduced funding in 2001.

The Comptroller & Auditor General's Value for Money Report recent report highlights the fact that the funding for this scheme is based on annual activity returns and not linked to population. The fact that the allocation is annual and based on activity levels leaves very little room for strategic planning. The Report recommends that a nation-wide needs assessment be carried out which would help to provide accurate information on the nature and extent of the problem which the scheme was set up to address. This assessment would also highlight issues such as the fact that funding is not linked to population needs.

It must also be recognised however, that even if additional funding was available to the scheme, finding labour, either Fas workers, contractors employed by the Area Boards themselves would be extremely difficult at the moment. In addition the scheme has become more popular in recent years and demands for the scheme have increased considerably since 1996. The C&AG Report suggests that a more

innovative approach would be required to resolve the problems associated with the scheme at present.

The Authority believes that a more equitable distribution of the resources is required to more accurately reflect the needs of the Region. The Authority is exploring with the three Area Boards more effective ways of completing the work such as directly funding the applicant to arrange for the work themselves.

3.6 Ms. Anne Harris

Could the Chief Executive please outline the plans to incorporate the homehelp service under the area health boards. How soon would he envisage this happening as there has already been an advertisement for such a position directly with the Northern Area Board."

REPLY

There are no plans to incorporate the homehelp service under the Area Health Boards.

The home help service in the Northern Area Health Board is provided by voluntary organisations. The Health Board has service arrangements with voluntary organisations in most aspects of health care, including the home help service. These are mutual arrangements and can only be set aside by agreement with both parties, or in case of the Health Board, if the voluntary service provider was not fulfilling its contractual obligations.

Two Home Help Organisations - Blanchardstown and North West Inner City - have ceased to function. These groups employed their own organising staff. In order to replace this service a Home Help Organiser is being employed by the Northern Area Health Board, as advertised, to organise services in this area, with the home helps paid by Eastern Community Works Limited for the time being.

01/04/25 Matters for mention

Agenda Item No. 4

Cllr. T. Cullen expressed concern about reports of the burial of a BSE cow beside a public water supply scheme in Wicklow. He said that he and Cllr. Pat Dolan had asked for information from the local authority but had been refused the information. He said that he had raised the matter with the South Western Area Health Board as a public health concern and that the health board had also been refused this information by the local authority.

Cllr. Pat Dolan also spoke on the matter and said that it was a big worry at this time.

The CEO reported that he had taken this matter up with the South Western Area Board and that they are dealing with it as the statutory authority for public health. He explained

that the South Western Area Health Board had been in contact with the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development and with Wicklow County Council. The Director of Public Health of the Authority was liaising with the National CJD Committee on the matter.

01/04/26 Performance Reports
Agenda Item No.5

The Chief Executive presented Report 04/01 - Review of Waiting Lists and Report 05/01 - Review of Hospital Activity in 2000 to the Board (copies appended to official minute). Ms. Angela Fitzgerald, Director of Monitoring and Evaluation presented Report 08/01 - Accident and Emergency Services (copy appended to official minute). As these reports addressed some of the same issues it was agreed to take and discuss the reports together.

Following the presentation of the reports a lengthy debate took place to which the following members contributed:-

Ald. I. Callely T.D., Cllr. R. Shortall T.D., Cllr. E. Byrne, Cllr. M. O'Donovan, Cllr. J. Reilly, Cllr. T. Cullen, Cllr. C. Burke, Ald. Sen. J. Doyle, Dr. B. O'Connell, Mr. G. McGuire, Cllr. C. O'Connor, Dr. M. Molloy, Cllr. D. Tipping, Mr. M. Cowley, Mrs. C. Quinn, Ms. M. Corrigan and Mr. J. Dolan.

The Chairman acknowledged the progress made, the innovative measures put in place and congratulated all involved. A debate followed during which the following issues were debated:-

Waiting Lists/ Hospital Activity

- The proposals to reduce waiting lists.
- Proposals for achieving 5,000 procedures this year.
- Proposals to use the available capacity at St. Michael's Hospital, Dun Laoghaire.
- Outcome of Winter Initiative
- The particular delays at the Mater Hospital

A & E

- The impact of the bed shortage for A & E.
- A & E consultants.
- The problems of people with high level dependency

In responding to the issues raised the Chief Executive said that:-

- The Authority's detailed report on bed capacity which indicates a shortfall of 700 beds in the system at present and an anticipated 1,276 by the end of the decade, has been conveyed to the Department of Health and Children. The Authority is trying to negotiate with hospitals where capacity is already stretched, to maximise the potential for additional elective work and he was confident that 5,000 procedures could be achieved by negotiation. He confirmed that the Authority had identified a number of measures to rapidly increase the capacity of the system including the use of St. Brigid's Hospital for day surgery, working towards the purchase of St. Joseph's Hospital, using St. Michael's Hospital to do elective work from St. Vincent's and

utilising additional beds in Tallaght. Longer term measures include the proposed major capital investment at a number of major hospitals including the Mater Hospital, James' Hospital, Naas, James Connolly Memorial Hospital and St. Vincent's Hospital.

- The Winter Initiative was successful for those patients for whom it was suitable but it did not address the needs of those patients such as the young chronic sick for whom a high level of rehabilitation was required. This need has been identified for the Department of Health and Children and was included in the national capacity review.
- The Authority and the Mater Hospital were working in partnership to address the urgent needs in the Mater.
- The shortage of beds impacted on the delivery of the Accident and Emergency service and the staff these units were under extreme pressure. The Authority was increasing the number of A & E consultant. The Authority had carried out a review of the A & E service and is implementing the findings.

The Chairman thanked the two presenters for their report. On the proposal of Cllr. E. Byrne, seconded by Ald. Sen. J. Doyle, Report 04/01 - Review of Waiting Lists, Report 05/01 - Review of Hospital Activity in 2000, and Report 08/01 - Accident and Emergency Services were noted.

Mr. Pat McLoughlin, Director of Planning and Commissioning presented Report 06/01 - Orthodontic Services and 07/01 - Opiate Addiction Services. Following the presentation of the reports a debate took place to which the following members contributed:- Cllr. C. Burke, Cllr. M. Corrigan, Dr. B. Murphy, Cllr. D. Heney, Cllr. E. Byrne, Dr. K. Harkin, Ald. Sen. J. Doyle, Cllr. A. Devitt, Dr. M. Molloy, and Dr. S. Barry.

The following matters were raised in the debate:-

- The number of the Orthodontic training places.
- It was suggested that a motion should be tabled to the effect that if a person fails to receive an orthodontic service within a prescribed period then they could avail of private treatment.
- The use of Methadone as a treatment.
- In respect of the addiction service the provision of a dedicated midwife service was welcomed and details sought as to the follow-up programme.
- The capacity of the drug addiction services to meet future demand
- Services for those addicted to prescribed medication.

Mr. McLoughlin responded to the debate as follows:-

- In respect of the orthodontic training programme places it is envisaged that intake will increase over the next few years if the current programme is successful.
- In relation to the proposal to refer patients to private treatment after a prescribed time has elapsed, he stated that he considered that such an approach would be inappropriate in the context of the service plan for 2001 as agreed with the Department of Health and Children.

- He explained that there had been considerable development in the drugs services and that there were a variety of services provided such as detox programmes, residential rehabilitation and drug-free communities. He explained that the objective of treatment is to provide the client with stability and that the decision in relation to the appropriate treatment for each client was between the client and their consultant/GP.
- He reported that the dedicated midwife service for addicts was having a significant impact on the post-natal services for the newborns. Ms. Noeleen Harvey clarified that a two-month follow up period was available in respect of these newborns.

On the proposal of Cllr. T. Fox, seconded by Mr. P. Aspell, Report 06/01 - Orthodontic Services and 07/01 - Opiate Addiction Services were noted.

01/04/27 National Health Strategy – Members Workshop.
Agenda Item No.6

A report (copy appended to the official minute) was circulated advising the Board that the Minister for Health & Children, Mr. Micheál Martin T.D. had decided to draw up a new National Health Strategy and that as part of the process a range of consultations were being arranged and submissions were being invited. The Board agreed to a proposal that a special workshop be held for members, the date and format to be decided by the Board's Protocol Committee.

In the course of the debate on the report, Cllr. A. Devitt raised concerns that the short timescale for response to the Department of Health and Children did not allow time for the city and county development boards to complete their strategy which included health matters. The Chief Executive said that the Authority responding to the Department of Health and Children on this matter within the timescale given would not undermine the work of the development boards. He explained that this is a high level document and that the city and county development boards need to look at the local service specifically. Cllr. Devitt asked that the Authority's submission be circulated to the other city and county development boards. The Board agreed that the Authority's submission be circulated in this way.

01/04/28 To nominate a representative to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Limited.
Agenda Item No. 7

A report was circulated to the members (copy appended to the official minute) advising the members that Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited had requested the Authority to nominate a representative to attend the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of the Company.

It was proposed by the Cllr. T. Fox and seconded by Ald. Sen. J. Doyle that Mr. Gerry Brady be nominated to represent the Authority.

01/04/29 To note reports from Committees of the Board
Agenda Item No. 8

A report was circulated (copy appended to the official minute) advising the members that

- the Protocol Committee at its meeting on 20th March 2001 had agreed that a Special Board meeting on Childcare Policy would take place on 11th April 2001, that a half-day seminar would be held to review the first year of the Authority and that the Annual General Meeting of the Authority is to be held on Thursday 5th July 2001 to be followed by the ordinary meeting.
- the Finance and Property Committee, under the authority delegated to it from the Board, adopted the Accounts of the ERHA Corporate for the period 1st March to 31st December 2000.
- the Acute Hospitals and Primary Care Committee at its meeting on 26th March 2001 decided to hold a special meeting to discuss the Report of the National Joint Steering group on Working Hours of Non-Consultant Hospital Doctors on 3rd April 2001. It was also decided that the Chairmen of both Standing Committees would discuss future agendas with Management.

It was proposed by Ald. Sen J. Doyle and seconded by Cllr. E. Byrne that the reports from the Committees of the Board be noted.

01/04/30 Notice of Motion
Agenda Item No. 9

9.1 Cllr Don Tipping

The Eastern Regional Health Authority hereby resolves to request the Chief Executive to enter into discussion with all the A&E Hospitals to seek agreement that where it is deemed appropriate to have a client undergo an x-ray that in the first instance the triage nursing staff will be trained, where necessary, so as he/she can refer clients direct for x-ray. The ERHA believe this could assist in speedier attention to the clients needs, better utilise the on-duty doctors time and still retain the high standard of care.

The motion was moved by Cllr. D. Tipping and seconded by Mrs. C. Quinn. It was agreed that a report would be sent to Cllr. Tipping.

9.2 Cllr Don Tipping & Cllr Jane Dillon Byrne

The ERHA hereby resolves to fully support the granting of a medical card to all persons over 70 years of age and sees this as a stepping stone to providing a health service that treats all persons equally and looks forward to a fully funded health service which does not require payment by the individual at point of seeking to avail of the service.

Cllr. Tipping asked that the motion be deferred to the next meeting and this was agreed.

9.3 Dr Kieran Harkin

That this Authority

- (a) recognises that every patient who is obliged to ingest their medication under the direct supervision of a community pharmacist should be able to do so in private;*
- (b) shall encourage and support the area boards in assisting pharmacists to offer this supervised ingestion facility in private;*
- (c) shall do a baseline audit on this issue and report to the ERHA board on progress made not later than October 2001.*

Dr. K. Harkin asked that his motion be deferred to the next meeting and this was agreed.

9.4 Cllr. E. Byrne.

In light of the agreed motion this Authority will present a discussion paper or PowerPoint presentation to the members on the following three issues.

"The delivery of Paediatric Services in the Eastern Region and plans for future developments".

"Respiratory Ailments and Tuberculoses services and plans for the development of services.

"Orthopaedics and planning for the future development of the service".

It is also acknowledged that the visits by the visiting Committees to Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital and Peamount Hospital in Newcastle as well as the knowledge of the "Council for Children's Hospital Care" will act as a backdrop to the debate.

The motion was moved by Cllr. E. Byrne and seconded by Dr. M. Molloy. It was agreed that the Acute Hospitals and Primary Care Committee would consider the items over three meetings.

9.5 Cllr. E. Byrne

"In recognising the fragmented delivery of services to the elderly from such agencies as the Local Authorities, the voluntary sector, the Eastern Community Works Limited and the Department of Social Community and Family Affairs, this Authority agrees to recommend a more streamlined approach under the ages of a single "Authority for the Elderly".

This "Authority for the Elderly" would start by streamlining the annual grant made available for the security of the Elderly by the Department of Social Community and Family Affairs which is administered by a voluntary agency with the activity of the Eastern Community works Limited.

And that the overlap between the Health Boards and the Local Authorities in administering the "Home Improvement Scheme for Older Persons Heating Grant", "Financial Assistance (on hardship grounds) for house extensions/adaptations for Persons with Disabilities" and the "Essential Repairs Grant" be likewise examined".

The motion was moved by Cllr. E. Byrne and seconded by Dr. M. Molloy. The Chief Executive asked Cllr. Byrne for clarification of the word "Authority" in his motion and explained that the implication of the motion as worded was that a new body be established to take over this function from the ERHA. Cllr. Byrne clarified that he was seeking a forum through which services to the elderly could be co-ordinated. It was agreed that the motion would be referred to the Continuing Care Committee.

9.6 Cllr C. Burke

That the Authority ask the Electricity Supply Board in the interests of public health especially in view of findings of recent health surveys in England that all electricity pylons in residential areas be routed underground as is the practice in Sweden and the USA.

The motion was moved by Cllr. C. Burke and seconded by Ald. Sen. J. Doyle. It was agreed that report be sent to Cllr. Burke.

9.7 Cllr. R. Shortall

That the CEO provide information on the total number of child-care court cases which the former Eastern Health Board was involved in since 1995; the number of these which the board contested, and the total amount of the legal fees involved in all cases since that date.

It was agreed that a report be sent to Cllr. Shortall.

9.8 Cllr. R. Shortall

That the CEO Report on the number of vacancies in this region in

- (a) Speech Therapists*
- (b) Occupational Therapists*
- (c) Physiotherapists*

His views on the adequacy of the current number of training places available; and that early talks be arranged within the HEA to ensure that supply meets demand in all of these disciplines.

It was agreed that a report would be sent to Cllr. Shortall.

01/04/31 Chief Executive's Report
Agenda Item No. 10

The Chief Executive's Report was circulated (copy appended to the Official Minute).

The Report dealt with the following items: -

- The National Health Strategy
- The Capacity Review Steering Group
- The Open Day at Soilse on 27th April
- The Phillipine Nurses
- The new Residential Unit for St. Michael's House
- Launch by the Minister of the Policy Document on Domestic Violence
- An innovative adult literacy scheme at Baltinglass Hospital.
- Invitation to an afternoon of music at St. Ita's, Portrane on 11th April
- Response to the Foster Parents Campaign

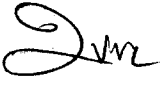
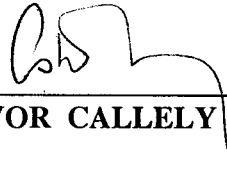
On a proposal by Cllr. E. Byrne and seconded by Cllr. A Devitt, the Chief Executive's Report as circulated was noted.

01/04/32 Date & Time of Next Meeting
Agenda Item No. 11

The date and time of the next meeting of the Authority was agreed for Thursday 3rd May 2001 at 6.00 p.m. in the Board Room, Dr. Steevens' Hospital.

The meeting concluded at 9.20 p.m.

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Donal O Shea
Chief Executive

ALDERMAN IVOR CALLEY TD
Chairman

DATE