

EASTERN REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY
Minutes of proceedings of the Special Meeting of the Board held in the Boardroom, Dr
Steevens' Hospital, Dublin 8
on Monday 16th December 2002 at 16:00

Present

Cllr Christy Burke	Dr Siobhan Barry
Cllr Eric Byrne	Mr Martin Cowley
Cllr Tommy Cullen	Cllr Anne Devitt
Cllr Jane Dillon Byrne	Mr John Dolan
Cllr Pat Doran	Ald Joe Doyle
Cllr Andrew Doyle	Mr Joe Fallon
Cllr Tony Fox	Cllr P Hand
Cllr D Heney	Mr Paul Ledwidge
Cllr Colm Mc Grath	Cllr Martin Miley
Dr Bernard Murphy	Cllr Eamonn O'Brien
Cllr Dr William O'Connell	Cllr Michael O'Donovan
Cllr John Stafford	

In the Chair

Alderman Joe Doyle

Apologies

Ms Ann Harris, Ms Maria Hoban, Mr Gerry Mc Guire, Cllr Charles O' Connor

In Attendance

Mr L Woods, Mr J Breslin, Ms A Fitzgerald, Mr D Beaton, Mr J Curry, Ms S Fleming, Mr M Devine, Ms B Kiberd, Mr A Graham, Ms E Donovan, Mr D Kelly, Ms Y O'Neill, Ms D Nurse, Ms A O'Flynn, Ms C Ivory and Ms H Stokes

Opening Prayer

12/02/104 Service Plan 2003

Agenda Item No.1

The Chairman advised members that the purpose of the meeting was to outline the Letter of Determination (*copy appended to the official minute*) and the proposals for the Service Plan 2003.

Mr Liam Woods, Deputy Chief Executive outlined the Service Plan process for the members. He drew members' attention to the main points of importance in the Letter of Determination as follows:-

- A shift from "no policy change" to "existing level of service" funding basis.
- No supplementary estimate in 2003
- Employment Control
- Reporting Deadlines reduced
- Value For Money target.

Ms Maureen Cronin, Acting Financial Director, gave a presentation on the financial issues arising from the Letter of Determination (*copy appended to the official minute*).

Mr. Jim Breslin, Director of Planning Commissioning and Change gave a presentation on the allocation of monies in the Letter of Determination across care groups (*copy appended to the official minute*).

The Chairman invited members to discuss the issues raised.

The following members contributed to the discussion:- the Chairman, Mr J Fallon, Cllr E Byrne, Dr S Barry, Mr P Ledwidge, Cllr C Burke, Cllr E O'Brien, Mr Martin Cowley, Cllr J Dillon Byrne, Cllr J Stafford, Mr J Dolan, Cllr T Fox, Dr B Murphy, and Cllr D Heney.

In the course of the debate members expressed dissatisfaction at the level of the allocations within the Letter of Determination and highlighted the following points in particular:-

- The level of allocation to the Intellectual Disability Services will impact negatively on service users and their families in particular the lack of funding for crisis needs
- The funding implications of the implementation of the Children's Act
- Access to public nursing home beds for older persons
- Impact of allocation on implementation of the National Health Strategy
- Shortfalls in current year as a first charge on 2003 budget
- Impact of unfavourable casemix outcomes
- Expansion of the breast screening service
- The rollout of the recommendations of the Review of Services for Older People
- The impact on services for those with alcohol and opiate addiction
- The impact on services for homeless people
- Necessity to consolidate the existing services
- Necessity to identify imaginative ways to deliver services within the Letter of Determination
- The impact of the absence of the supplementary funding for 2003

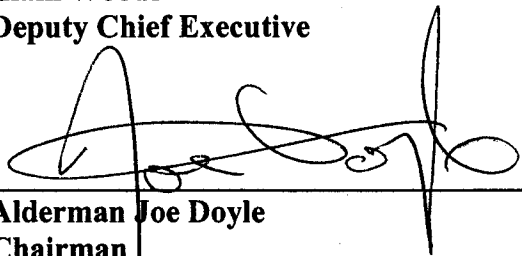
Following the discussion, the Deputy Chief Executive explained the process following the receipt of the Letter of Determination. He clarified the issues raised by the members and

explained that the draft Service Plan will be considered in detail by the Finance & Property Committee at its meetings on 18th December 2002 and 8th January 2003, following which it will be considered by the Board at its meeting on 13th January 2003.

The Chairman requested that the Deputy Chief Executive bring the concerns and issues raised by members during the meeting to the attention of the Department of Health and Children. The Deputy Chief Executive undertook to do so.

The meeting concluded at 18:40hrs.

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Liam Woods
Deputy Chief Executive



Alderman Joe Doyle
Chairman

DATE