



**EASTERN REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY**  
**Minutes of proceedings of the Special Meeting of the Board held in the Boardroom, Dr**  
**Steevens' Hospital, Dublin 8**  
**on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2002 at 18:00**

*Present*

Cllr Christy Burke	Cllr Laurence Butler
Cllr Eric Byrne	Cllr Maria Corrigan
Mr Martin Cowley	Cllr Tommy Cullen
Cllr Anne Devitt	Cllr Jane Dillion Byrne
Dr Siobhan Barry	
Mr John Dolan	Cllr Pat Doran
Sen Joe Doyle Ald	Cllr Andrew Doyle
Mr Joe Fallon	Cllr Tony Fox
Dr Maurice Gueret	Dr Kieran
Ms Ann Harris	Ms Noeleen Harvey
Ms Maria Hoban	Dr Marie Laffoy
Mr Paul Ledwidge	Cllr Colm Mc Grath
Mr Gerry Mc Guire	Cllr Martin Miley
Cllr Olivia T.D. Mitchell	Dr Michael Molloy
Ald Mary Mooney	Dr Bernard Murphy
Mr Michael Murphy	Cllr Dermot Murray
Cllr Eamonn O'Brien	Cllr Dr William O'Connell
Dr Philip O'Connell	Cllr Charles O'Connor
Cllr Michael O'Donovan	Sean O'Fearghail
Mrs Catherine Quinn	Cllr James Reilly
Dr. James Reilly	Sen Therese Ridge
Cllr Don Tipping	Mr Larry Tuomey

*In the Chair*

Alderman Joe Doyle

*Apologies*

Ms Noeleen Harvey, Dr Michael Molloy.

*In Attendance*

Mr D O Shea, Mr L Woods, Mr J Breslin, Ms M Curran, Ms A Fitzgerald, Mr D Beaton, Mr J Curry, Mr W Rattigan, Ms M Browne, Ms C Ivory, Ms A Hassett.

## Opening Prayer

### 10/02/85 Report No 26/02 - Development of Service Plan 2003 *Agenda Item No.1*

The Chairman advised members that the purpose of the meeting was to ensure that members themselves had an opportunity to influence the content of the Service Plan 2003.

He referred to the letter circulated to members in which the Chief Executive identified a number of key areas where members had already raised concerns as to the adequacy or appropriateness of the current service provision (*copy appended to the official minute*).

Mr. Jim Breslin, Director of Planning Commissioning and Change presented Report No 26/02 – Development of Service Plan 2003 which he explained was circulated to members to facilitate discussion and which set out, by service, information on the current context for each care area and suggestions regarding key priorities – including the management of cost pressures, full year costs of existing commitments and additional area for consideration for further development. (*copy appended to the official minute*).

The Chairman invited members to comment on the issues identified in Report No. 26/02 and to identify any other issues which they wished to have considered at the meeting.

The following members contributed to the discussion:- The Chairman, Dr. Siobhan Barry, Cllr Eric Byrne, Dr Barney Murphy, Cllr Jim Reilly, Mrs. Catherine Quinn, Mr. John Dolan, Cllr. Eamonn O'Brien, Dr. James Reilly, Mrs. Maria Hoban, Mr. Joe Fallon, Cllr. Christy Burke, Cllr. Don Tipping, Cllr. Laurence Butler, Mr. Paul Ledwidge, Cllr. Therese Ridge, Cllr. Larry Twomey and Mr Gerry McGuire.

The issues raised by members during the discussion are outlined below.

#### **Suicide**

- The prevalence of suicide in particular among young men
- Alcohol as a contributing factor
- The development of early intervention services for people in their late teens and early twenties
- The development of services to facilitate early access such as opening clinics in shopping centres.

#### **Alcohol Addiction**

- The increase in alcohol abuse among young people and the need for education targeting young people at risk.
- The development of more “wet hostels” and residential beds
- The strict implementation of catchment boundaries
- Services to address dual addiction (drugs and alcohol)
- Alcohol abuse and homelessness
- Aftercare Services.

#### **Drug Addiction**

- Review of methadone protocols.
- Access to rehabilitation facilities.
- Expansion of community based projects and step down facilities.

### **Rehabilitation**

- Step down facilities from NRH
- Increase in Young Chronic Sick
- Producing reliable information on intellectual, physical & sensory disabilities.
- Review of grants to disabled
- Different categories of need.

### **Mental Health**

- Recruitment and retention of staff
- Child & Adolescent Psychiatry
- Implementation of recommendations of Inspector of Mental Hospitals.
- Mental Health Services for Older People
- Mental Health needs across care groups
- Strategic Plan for Mental Health

### **Capital Expenditure**

- Capital investment in primary care and services for older persons.
- Linkage between capital and revenue expenditure in development of services.
- Lack of Capital Investment in Mental Health Services

### **Dental Services**

- Expansion of oral and maxillo-facial services
- The disposal of clinical waste
- Out of hours services
- Dental Services for special needs categories
- Services in the community
- The importance of dental facilities in Accident and Emergency Departments.

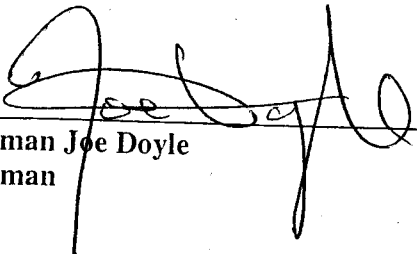
### **Intellectual Disability Service**

- The importance of reliable information on waiting lists
- Process for dealing with emergency placements
- Autism Services
- Impact of the review of social housing by Department of Environment
- Requirement for Multi-annual Budgeting.
- Psychiatric Services for those with learning disabilities.

Following the discussion, the Chief Executive assured members that all of the issues raised and the points made in the course of the meeting had been noted and would be taken into account in preparing the draft Service Plan 2003.

The meeting concluded at 20:25hrs.

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**Donal O Shea**  
**Chief Executive**

  
**Alderman Joe Doyle**  
**Chairman**

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**DATE**