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28/05/01

**To: Chairman & Each Member  
Mid-Western Health Board**

A Chara,

Is mian liom a chur in iúl dhuit go dtionólfar an chéad chruinniu eile den mBord sa **Roinn Fisiteiripe, Óspidéal Reigiunach an Mheán-Iarthair, Luimneach** ar an **Aoine, an 8ú** la de mhí na **Meitheamh, 2001** at **11.30r.n.**. Tá an clár thiosluaite.

I wish to inform you that the next meeting of the Board will be held in the **Physiotherapy Department, Mid-Western Regional Hospital, Dooradoyle, Limerick, on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2001 at 11.30 a.m.** The Agenda is set out below.

Please arrange to attend.

Le dea mhéin,

**S. de Búrca**  
**PRÍOMH OIFIGEACH FEIDHMEACHÁIN**

## **AGENDA**

1.
  - a. Silent Prayer.
  - b. Vote of Sympathy.
  - c. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 11/05/2001 (herewith)
2. Correspondence
3. Report of the Chief Executive Officer. **[BUFF]**
4. Report of the CEO's Overview of Financial Results. **[BLUE]**  
(Report No. 32/01 herewith)

5. Annual Report  
(Report No. 33/01 enclosed)
6. Report on Approval to site lease arrangements for the proposed Private Hospital at the Mid-Western Regional Hospital, Dooradoyle.  
(Report No. 34/01 herewith) [GREEN]
7. Summary of Report on the Forum on Medical Manpower  
(Report No. 35/01 herewith) [WHITE]
8. Summary of the Report of the National Joint Steering Group on the Working Hours of Non-Consultant Hospital Doctors – January, 2001  
(Report No. 36/01 herewith) [PINK]
9. Update Report on Recommendations of Internal Inquiry Group on Blood Samples  
(Report No. 37/01 herewith) [YELLOW]
10. Summary Report on Ireland's National Drug Strategy  
(Report No. 38/01 herewith) [LILAC]
11. Update on Capital Funding Requirements of the Ambulance Service  
(Report No. 39/01 herewith) [BLUE]
12. Proposed Disposal of Property – Upperchurch Dispensary, Co. Tipperary  
(Report No. 40/01 previously circulated) [GREEN]
13. Application for Assistant with a view to Partnership in General Practice  
(Report No. 41/01 herewith) [PINK]
14. Report on the Epidemiology of Tuberculosis in Ireland 1999  
(Report No. 42/01 herewith) [YELLOW]

**Questions:****(a) Question submitted by Mr. D. McAvinchey:**

*“To ask the CEO why is the Health Centre at Nenagh Hospital campus not included in the list of capital developments under NDP? This item was voted through as a motion at the first meeting of this Board and involved part financing the project from funds raised from the sale of existing premises. What progress has been made on this”?*

**(b) Questions submitted by Dep. J. O’Sullivan:**

*“To ask the CEO what specific responsibilities the Health Board has with regard to the possible risk to the health of people living in the Montpelier and Dromkeen areas of County Limerick as a result of the storage material (primarily Calcium |Phosphate) in an unauthorised gravel pit in the case of Montpelier and in authorised storage depot in the case of Dromkeen and what action, if any, the Health Board intends to take or has taken”?*

**(c) “To ask the CEO what progress has been made with regard to providing dental treatment under anaesthetic for children with special needs in Limerick, rather than having to send them to Cork”?****(d) Question submitted by Cllr. T. O’Malley:**

*“To ask the CEO has the long standing policy of GP’s making appointments for their female patients for Mammography been changed recently? I understand that the GP can no longer make the appointment; that the patient must first of all see a surgeon. Is this true and if so, what reasons have been given”?*

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**Notice of Motion**

**(a) Notice of Motion submitted by Mr. L. McNamara:**

*“That the Board guarantee continued funding, based on the notional value of St. Joseph’s Hospital, for the proper development and acquisition of facilities for the patients and staff of the Limerick Mental Health Service.*

*The Staff who have in good faith co-operated with the closure of the Hospital and the re-location to community-based services now discover that funding is only being provided on a hit-or-miss basis for the remainder of the campus.*

*This is in sharp contrast with our colleagues in the Clare Mental Health Service who provide a fine service secure in the knowledge that moneys from the sale of Our Lady’s combined with funding from the Department of Health and Children is available. They will soon have a service with facilities of which they can be imminently proud.*

*That most marginalised group – the mentally ill – deserve and need the same service in Limerick, and, indeed, in North Tipperary. The majority of patients presently resident in St. Joseph’s Hospital are not acutely ill; they are chronically ill; St. Joseph’s is their home, where the staff try to provide a safe, friendly atmosphere – but are unable to provide proper facilities to meet all their needs.*

*That is the obligation of the Board. Members, I ask and urge you to support this Motion.”*

**(b) Notice of Motion submitted by Dr. D. Clinch:**

*“That this Board considers the implications of the increasing difficulty of recruiting Junior Doctors to the Board’s Hospitals”.*