



MID-WESTERN
HEALTH BOARD

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

Item No 3 on Agenda

Report for Meeting of the Board to be held on Friday, 9th January, 2003

Briefing Notes for the Report of the Chief Executive Officer

VISITING HOURS AT THE MID-WESTERN REGIONAL HOSPITAL

The implementation of arrangements regarding visiting at the Mid-Western Regional Hospital are continuing.

New signs have been in place since the 1st December 2003. An Electronic notice board at the front desk & a large moveable sign at the main entrance are being provided in order to make visiting arrangements clear.

The hospital intercom is now being used to announce the visiting times on a regular basis and to issue a ten minute notice at the end of visiting hours.

Security personnel are proactive in assisting to implement the visiting hours policy. The extension of the swipe card access system on a pilot basis to individual wards is also being planned.

The implementation group will meet monthly for the next six months in order to monitor progress on the implementation of the visiting hours policy which is progressing satisfactorily.