

## BOARD MEETING – MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2003

### ITEM 5 - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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#### 5.1. Additional Allocations

I wish to advise the members of the following additional allocations from the Department of Health and Children:-

##### **Funding for Disability Services**

- The Minister for Health and Children and the Minister of State announced on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July that additional revenue and capital funding of €50m is being made available nationally in 2003 to services for people with disabilities; revenue funding of €20m is being provided in 2003 with a full year cost in 2004 of €30m.

Capital funding of €30m nationally is being allocated in respect of minor capital works in services for people with disabilities. Capital funding from this allocation of €1.275m is being allocated to the North Eastern Health Board towards people with Intellectual Disability and Autism, of which €0.100m is for services provided by Clogher House Services, Monaghan. Further capital funding of €1.321m is being allocated towards services to people with Physical or Sensory Disabilities. Discussions will take place as soon as possible with the Department of Health and Children regarding this allocation.

##### **Funding for Payment of First Phase of the Public Service Benchmarking Body Report – Ongoing and Arrears**

- A sum of €1.951m (comprising €940m ongoing and €0.011m once-off funding) is being allocated to the North Eastern Health Board to meet the full costs of the implementation of the first phase of the PSBB's pay recommendations, including arrears from 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2001.
- A sum of €0.509m (comprising €0.255m ongoing and €0.254m once-off funding) is being allocated to the North Eastern Health Board for St. John of Gods to meet the full costs of the implementation of the first phase of the PSBBs pay recommendations, including the payment of arrears due from 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2001.

##### **BreastCheck Revenue Allocation 2003**

- Additional on-going funding of €0.419m is being provided for BreastCheck in 2003.

##### **Other Allocations**

- Allocations totalling €0.288m in respect of Clinicians in Management and continuing education programmes in nursing and medical staff

#### 5.2. NDP Funding

The Minister for Health and Children announced a national health funding initiative of €75.5m of which €70m is being resourced by the National Development Plan. As part of this initiative, the North Eastern Health Board will be allocated €4m. I am currently awaiting official notification of the allocation. A copy of the Minister's Press Statement is attached.

#### 5.3. New Low Vision Clinic Service

The National Council for the Blind of Ireland and the North Eastern Health Board recently introduced a new Low Vision Clinic service for people who are experiencing problems with their sight.

The low vision clinic is located in the Bragan Unit of the St. Davnet's Campus, Rooskey, Monaghan, and will be held on the last Tuesday of every month. The clinic caters for both children and adults who are having difficulties with deteriorating sight.

#### 5.4. Special Olympics

The Special Olympics World Summer Games took place in Dublin from 20<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> June 2003. Within the NEHB region there were 19 host towns with approximately 600 delegation members. As I informed the members previously, a Project Manager was nominated for the duration of the games who was available to support and advise Host Town Committees if necessary.

As you are aware, the Special Olympics have now finished and the games were an unqualified success both for the organisers and the host town committees.

I would like to take this opportunity to convey my thanks to all involved for their support and co-operation during the 2003 Special Olympics. A noteworthy success of the Games was the involvement of 30,000 volunteers. I would hope that many of those volunteers would continue their involvement with the disability sector in the future.

#### **5.5. Gynaecology Day Services at Monaghan**

Gynaecology Day Services recommenced at Monaghan General Hospital on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2003. One session per week is provided at present and it is hoped to extend this to two sessions per week as soon as possible.

#### **5.6. Smoking Prohibition**

The Office of Tobacco Control has prepared a Draft Code of Practice for the licensed trade in respect of forthcoming legislation. It is proposed that the Code will be published in the Autumn. The Office of Tobacco Control has requested the Board's endorsement of the Code by the 12<sup>th</sup> August. A copy of the Draft has been circulated for your information.

#### **5.7. Donations**

##### ***Cavan General Hospital***

- €1021 from Ms. Marian Mullally, Kilnaleck, Co. Cavan and Ms. Rose O'Reilly, Crosserlough, Co. Cavan
- €700.90 from Ms. Annmarie Smyth, Bailieboro, Co. Cavan
- €600 from Greaghvahan National School, Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan
- €175 from Mr. Tommy Hewitt, Swellan Lower, Cavan
- €140 from Mr. & Mrs. Maguire, Clones, Co. Monaghan
- €77 from Ms. Chris McEnroe, Surgical One, Cavan General Hospital
- €30 from Ms. Wendy Swan, Ballinagh, Co. Cavan

##### ***St. Joseph's Hospital, Trim***

- €495 from Sixth Year Students, Boyne Community School, Trim

##### ***Louth County Hospital, Dundalk***

- €700 from the family of the late Ms. Mary McMahon, Castleblayney, Co. Monaghan
- €1,000 from the family and friends of the late Mr. Michael McKenna, Dundalk
- €100 from Mr. Dermot Kelly, Blackrock, Dundalk, Co. Louth

##### ***I also wish to acknowledge the following:***

- €2,833.14 from the Estate of the late Ms. Bridget Connolly, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh towards St. Davnet's Hospital, Monaghan
- €730 from Mr. Leonard Hatrick, Ardee, Co. Louth towards Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda
- €500 from Mrs. Eileen Carroll, Windmill Road, Drogheda towards Boyne View House, Drogheda
- €50 from Mr. & Mrs. Carley, Bryanstown Village, Drogheda towards the Cottage Hospital, Drogheda

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**28<sup>th</sup> July, 2003**