

## EASTERN HEALTH BOARD

*Minutes of Proceedings of Meeting of Eastern Health Board  
held in the Boardroom, 1 James's Street, on 1st February,  
1973 at 6 p.m.*

*Present:*

Mr. Michael Birmingham	Dr. P. C. Jennings
Cllr. M. Carroll	Miss Kay Kinsella
Mr. J. Corcoran, M.B.	Miss Mary Lacey
Mr. H. Corrigan, M.P.S.I.	Dr. James McCormick
Dr. J. Cullen	Cllr. A. Mahon
Cllr. Michael Cunningham	Dr. J. R. Mahon
Deputy H. P. Dockrell	Dr. A. Meade
Cllr. James Dowling	Mr. Dermot O'Flynn
Dr. J. Stephen Doyle	Mr. Martin Ruane
Commissioner J. Garvin	Cllr. John Sweeney
Mr. Kevin A. Harrington, B.D.S.	Cllr. John Temple
Cllr. Patrick Hickey, P.C.	Deputy G. Timmins
	Deputy E. Timmons

*Apologies for Absence:*

Deputy P. J. Burke, Dr. Robert Carroll, Deputy M. A. Clinton,  
and Dr. J. Walker.

Councillor Patrick Hickey, Vice-Chairman, presided.

*Officers in Attendance:*

Mr. E. O Caoimh, <i>Chief Executive Officer</i>	Mr. R. N. Lamb, <i>Personnel Officer</i>
Mr. J. J. Nolan, <i>Deputy Chief Executive Officer</i>	Mr. F. J. McCullough
Prof. Ivor Browne, <i>Programme Manager, Special Hospital Care</i>	Mr. J. Clarke
Mr. F. J. Donohue, <i>Programme Manager, Community Care</i>	Mr. P. J. Swords
Prof. B. O'Donnell, <i>Chief Medical Officer</i>	Mr. H. Dunne
Mr. J. F. Reynolds, <i>Finance Officer</i>	Mr. J. Doyle
	Mr. P. A. Sheehan
	Mr. B. Garvey
	Mr. A. O'Brien
	Mr. E. Dunphy
	Mr. K. Quinn
	Miss K. Dolan

**3/73 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of proceedings of Monthly Meeting held on 4th January. 1973 at 6 p.m. having been circulated were confirmed on a proposal by Councillor Carroll and seconded by Deputy H. P. Dockrell.

**9/73 PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEES**

Reports of proceedings of the following Committees having been circulated were adopted as follows:

- (a) *"Report of Meeting of No. 1 Visiting Committee held at St. Columcille's Hospital on Thursday. 4th January, 1973 at 3.45 p.m.*

*Present:*

Mr. M. Clinton T.D.. (Chairman), Miss M. Lacey, Councillor J. Sweeney. Councilor J. Temple, Mr. G. Timmins, T.D., Dr. Meade.

Mr. Clinton presided.

*Officers in Attendance:*

Dr. W. J. Roche, Medical Superintendent; Rev. Sister Ambrosia, Matron; Mr. N. Keogh, Engineering Officer; Mr. K. Cross, Assistant Section Officer; Mr. P. J. Swords, Senior Administrative Officer; Mr. J. A. Duggan, Section Officer.

Mr. P. V. Moloney, Architect, and Mr. J. Graby. Architect, were also in attendance.

**BUSINESS**

The report of the meeting held on 28th August. 1972 was reviewed.

*Maternity Department:*

The members were advised that a number of meetings had been held during the past few months between the senior medical and nursing personnel of the Hospital and the Architect in regard to the provision of improved accommodation in the Maternity Department. Mr. Moloney outlined the proposals and stated that these were almost ready for costing. A number of minor changes which he was proposing in the use of accommodation should, as well as providing better facilities for patients, give a small addition to the existing bed complement in the Hospital.

*Out-Patient Physiotherapy, Etc:*

Mr. Moloney also stated that his proposals provided for improved accommodation for out-patients and physiotherapy and the provision of a small Intensive Care Unit for seriously ill patients. The members recommended that the Architect's proposals be submitted to the Department of Health for approval as soon as possible. Dr. Roche stated that the Hospital had recently been visited by a Medical Inspector from the Department of Health in regard to staffing proposals for the out-patients department. He indicated that the attendances at the 'Out-Patients' Department were increasing and he estimated that about 60% of those attending could have been dealt with by their own doctor.

*Day Hospital:*

The question of providing Day Hospital facilities was discussed and the members recommended that space for this be provided within the Hospital. At a later stage the question of providing additional accommodation could be considered in the light of its development.

*Psychiatric Services:*

Dr. Roche stated that he had meetings recently with Professor Browne, Programme Manager, Special Hospital Care, and it had been agreed in principle that some facilities could be given at St. Columcille's. He stated that for some time past a limited number of psychiatric patients were being admitted to the Hospital. Dr. Roche explained that the provision of additional in-patient facilities would, however, mean that accommodation would have to be obtained elsewhere for some geriatric patients. The members endorsed the proposals in this regard but pointed out that the door was not to be closed to geriatric patients until accommodation had been got for them elsewhere.

*Ambulance Services:*

Mr. Swords stated that since mid-December a revised rota was being operated for the Ambulance Services and that the matter of further revisions was being kept under close review.

*Engineering Services:*

The members were disappointed to learn that the Board's proposals for the Engineering Services had not yet been approved by the Department of Health. They were also

advised that due to pressures of work particularly at St. James's Hospital, it was not possible to give a satisfactory service in the South City and South County Dublin area and that as a result, some work was falling into arrears. The Engineering Officer from St. Ita's Hospital was currently looking after the East Wicklow area and with the new Capital Projects at Rathdrum and Bray it was becoming increasingly difficult to maintain a satisfactory service.

***Nursing Staff:***

Matron reported that there were some shortages on the staff, mainly due to resignations. She stated that there was a growing tendency on the part of younger staff to emigrate for a period. It was proposed to advertise for nursing staff at the end of the present week.

***Nurse Training:***

It was stated that An Bord Altranais had approved of St. Coiumcille's Hospital for the secondment of Student Nurses from St. James's Hospital for experience in Surgery and Casualty work. This arrangement is now in operation for some time and is proving satisfactory. At present there are eight Students seconded and there is accommodation available for a further two. The Committee asked that the St. James's Hospital Board be asked to second the additional two Students.

***General:***

The members wish to record that they again found conditions satisfactory at the Hospital and they expressed their appreciation to Dr. Roche and his staff for the high standard they had noted. They also complimented the Medical Superintendent, Matron and the Staff for the hospitality shown to the Committee and to the members generally at the function which had taken place earlier in the Hospital.

***Next Meeting:***

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held at the District Hospital, Baltinglass at a time and date to be decided later.

The meeting finished at 4 30 p.m.'

(b) *"Report of Meeting of No. 2 Visiting Committee held at St Brigid's Home, Crooksling, on Thursday, 4th January, 1973 at 3 p.m.*

*Present:*

Mr. H. Corrigan, Mr. M. Ruane, Miss K. Kinseila, Dr. J. R. Mahon.

Mr. H. Corrigan presided

*Officers in Attendance:*

Miss M. Keogh, Acting Matron; Dr. J. Clarke, Medical Officer; Mr. P. J. O'Flaherty, Chief Fire Officer; Mr. J. V. Crumlish, Engineering Officer; Mr. E. Sheehan, Assistant Section Officer; Mr. T. F. Healy, Section Officer.

**INSPECTIONS**

The members visited Units A and B and spent approximately 45 minutes in conversation with the patients and staff in the Units. They were impressed by the kindly concern of the staff for the patients' comfort and pleased by the contentment of the patients and the very happy atmosphere in the Wards. They noted that a high proportion of the patients were not ambulant.

**BUSINESS**

*Bed Occupancy:*

Matron reported that there were 175 patients in the Home on the 4th January, 1973 and that 100 of these were not ambulant.

*Staff:*

Matron also gave the following details of nursing staff employed on 4th January, 1973 and said that she considered the position reasonably satisfactory:

Matron	1	
Assistant Matron	1	
Ward Sisters	4	
Permanent Nurses	5	
Temporary Nurses	22	(including 20 married nurses
Domestics	26	some of whom are employed part-time)

The Committee noted with appreciation that there is continuity in the psychiatric services with the same psychiatrist from St. Loman's Hospital visiting the Home once each week and as required.

The Committee was informed that approval had been received from the Department of Health for two 3-hour chiropody sessions per month.

At present accident cases who require physiotherapy are brought to St. James's Hospital for treatment. The members suggested that the possibility of providing one physiotherapy session per week at the Home should be examined so that physiotherapy would be available for all patients who would benefit from it.

*Future use of the Home:*

The Chairman read the following extract from the memorandum of 9th December, 1972, from Professor I. Browne, Programme Manager, Special Hospital Care:

"Though I would like to see Bru Chaoimhin, St. Brigid's Home and St. Clare's Home replaced by small community-based welfare homes, it is dear that we cannot hope to achieve this for some time to come and that these three homes must continue to be used for the foreseeable future. I would hope that as the Board succeeds in developing suitable welfare homes and other facilities in the community the need to continue such large institutions will diminish and eventually disappear. However, the fact remains that the existing population of the Homes must be catered for, and, in the absence of more suitable alternative facilities our increasing geriatric population will inevitably result in a growing demand for such accommodation. Apart from this there is the problem of providing alternative accommodation for elderly patients now maintained in various hospitals (e.g. Hospital 3, St. James's).

Regarding the medical administration and management of Bru Chaoimhin and St. Brigid's, I am of the opinion that these should continue to function in association with St. James's Hospital. Eventually I would see St. James's Hospital providing a comprehensive, acute and rehabilitation geriatric service for the South/West area of Dublin. To do this it would need back-up support of long-stay and welfare beds and until other facilities are developed Bru Chaoimhin and St. Brigid's will be required to assist in this area. I

would see a Geriatrician based in St James's with the same function in relation to Bru Chaoimhin and St. Brigid's as that suggested above for Dr Noei or Dr. Keating on the North side".

In regard to the proposed replacement of institutions such as St. Brigid's Home by Welfare Homes, the Committee expressed the view that these smaller homes would possibly involve a higher overall ratio of staff to patients than larger institutions with possible increased costs, difficulties in recruiting suitable staff etc.

*Repairs—Units C & D Etc.*

The Committee noted that work had commenced on the contract (in a sum of £7,033) for repairs to gable walls at Units C & D, the erection of a link corridor between C & D and the Administration Building, and the replacement of the Mortuary Building.

*Sewerage Treatment Plant:*

The members noted the Architect's report on sewerage treatment at St. Brigid's Home and asked that a copy be circulated with these minutes. The proposals have been submitted to the Department of Health for approval. It is proposed to finance the work by borrowing and the Department has been asked for a grant of 50% towards the loan charges.

*Fire Precautions:*

The Chief Fire Officer reported that everything possible was being done to reduce fire hazards at the Home. He was satisfied that the water supply, telephone facilities, etc., were adequate. The staff were receiving continuous instruction on fire prevention. It has been stressed that newly recruited staff should be informed of their duties in regard to fire orders, etc., on their first day of duty. Resident staff are aware of their tasks in a fire emergency which might involve evacuating patients from one of the Units.

In connection with the possible evacuation of Units in the event of fire, the senior staff and the Fire Officer have held meetings with local residents who have undertaken to attend at the Home when the emergency siren is sounded. The Committee expressed appreciation of the residents fine civic spirit.

A very important factor in fire prevention was regular patrolling particularly the patrol of locations not frequented during normal off duty hours. The Engineering Officer was

preparing a job specification for male employees at the Home which would include continuous fire patrols, escorting staff to and from buses, etc. A disquieting aspect in relation to fire precautions was the high number of bedfast patients and the Committee noted that the provision of alternative accommodation for a large proportion of these patients was receiving urgent attention.

*Domestic Staff Home:*

The Engineering Officer and Matron reported that it was proposed to discontinue the use of the present domestic staff residence on the grounds that it was a fire hazard. The Domestic Staff will be accommodated in one of the two buildings at present used to accommodate resident nursing staff.

In conclusion the Committee again complimented Matron and her staff on the care and attention being given to the patients. They also paid tribute to the Engineering Officer and staff on the high standard of maintenance in the Home. They thanked all concerned for their assistance during the visit.

*Next Meeting:*

It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Cherry Orchard Hospital on Thursday, 1st February, 1973, at 3.00 p.m.

The meeting concluded at 4.55 p.m."

The Chief Executive Officer advised the members that because of the type of patient in St. Brigid's and the fire risk that he had asked the Programme Manager, Hospital Care, to have the situation assessed and patients at risk transferred to alternative accommodation.

**10/73 DISPOSAL OF PREMISES AT ST. BRENDAN'S**

The following Report No. 3/1973 from the Chief Executive Officer was submitted:

" On 6th August, 1970, the Dublin Health Authority consented to the sale of a plot of land measuring 3 roods 37 perches at St. Brendan's Hospital to the Corporation of Dublin for the erection of workshops.

The Corporation of Dublin now wishes to purchase a small single storey building situated between Stores, St. Brendan's Hospital and land already sold to Corporation for workshops.

The Board's Valuer has advised that the value of the building is £200-00, I have accepted the Valuer's advice and propose to sell the plot to Corporation of Dublin for that amount.

This report is submitted in conformity with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946.

Section 83 provides that at the first meeting of the Eastern Health Board held after the expiration of ten clear days from the date of circulation of this report, the Board may resolve that the disposal of this property as proposed shall not be carried out or that it shall be carried out in accordance with terms specified in the resolution.

If the Board resolves that the disposal shall not be carried out, it shall not be carried out.

On the other hand, if the Board does not pass a resolution as to the manner in which the disposal shall be carried out, the disposal may, with the consent of the Minister for Health, be carried out in the manner set out above".

On a proposal by Mr. D. O'Flynn seconded by Mr. M. Ruane the following motion was unanimously adopted:

"That the Eastern Health Board consents to the disposal of premises at St. Brendan's Hospital in accordance with the terms of Report No. 3/1973".

#### 11/73 DISPOSAL OF SITE AT ST. BRENDAN'S

The following Report No. 4/1973 from the Chief Executive Officer was submitted:

"At its meeting on 2nd May, 1968, a proposal to make a site at St. Brendan's Hospital available to Dublin Corporation for the purpose of building a community block of flatlets for elderly persons, was approved in principle by Dublin Health Authority. (Paragraph 43/68 of Minutes).

The site in question contains 0-49 acres and the Valuer recommended that it be disposed of for £4,000.

The Authority consented to this proposal at a meeting held on 7th January, 1971, and sanction of the Minister was conveyed in a letter of 16th March, 1971.

The Principal Officer, Housing Construction Department, Dublin Corporation, now informs us that it has been found necessary to re-locate the entrance to the flatlets in order to avoid creating a traffic hazard.

"It has been found necessary to move the position of the entrance road into the flat block from its location as shown on the original layout plan. The proximity of the original roadway to the adjoining service station, and the junction of North Circular Road and Grangegorman would create a hazard".

Accordingly, the Corporation requests that the additional area required which includes two garages, which are no longer in use, be made available at £400 which is the price determined by the Chief Valuer acting for both the Board and the Corporation.

The approximate area of the additional site is 8 perches, and is shown on the map submitted with this report.

I recommend that the Board approve this proposal.

This report is submitted in conformity with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946.

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On a proposal by Mr. D. O'Flynn seconded by Mr. K. Harrington the following motion was adopted:

"That the Eastern Health Board consents to the Sale of Site at St. Brendan's Hospital in accordance with the terms of Report No. 4/1973"

## 12/73 I.P.A. SEMINAR

A request from the Institute of Public Administration for members to attend a Seminar on the Finances of Health Boards was read. The following members agreed to attend:—Councillors M. Cunningham, James Dowling, P. Hickey, A. Mahon, John Sweeney, John Temple, Miss M. Lacey, Mr. D. O'Flynn and Mr. M. Ruane.

## 13/73 DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PSYCHIATRIC SERVICE

The following Report No. 5/1973 from the Chief Executive Officer was submitted:

## " 1. Co. Wicklow:

The programme for the Development of Mental Health Services approved in principle by the Board provides for the decentralisation of the service by the establishment of a range of facilities in each of the Board's nine catchment areas supported by rehabilitation and training services.

The Board's Officers have for some time been engaged in examining the service in each area with a view to determining the immediate needs for their development. For the development of the service in County Wicklow the provision of the following facilities is under consideration.

1. Training/Rehabilitation Centre.
2. Residential Centre for short-stay patients.

1. *Training/Rehabilitation Centre:*

The Centre will provide service for persons suffering from mental illness, mental handicap or physical handicap. The services to be provided will be comprehensive and will include (a) an *Industrial Training Workshop* providing, broadly, occupation and basic training for persons who, because of illness, are unfit or unable to obtain employment in the open market, (b) *Home Management Unit* providing for housewives and single women training and experience in cookery, laundry, shopping, budgeting etc., and (c) *Day Centre* activities including psychotherapy, drama, physical training, discussions, arts and crafts, etc.

A large building which is regarded as very suitable has become available for letting in Bray. This building, An Lar, Dargle Road, Bray is owned jointly by the Gaelic Athletic

Association and Conradh Na Gaeilge. Terms for a three year letting have been negotiated with the Trustees, providing, inter alia, for a yearly rent of £1,700, the Board, in addition, to meet 50% of the cost of heating and lighting.

The estimated additional cost in 1973/74 of establishing and running the Centre and providing ancillary Hostel accommodation is £25,000 which sum has been included in the Estimate of Expenses for the coming year.

## *2. Residential Centre:*

In-patient services for approximately six hundred mentally handicapped patients are at present concentrated at St. Ita's Hospital, Portrane. and the Board, in conjunction with the Department of Health, is at present examining the desirability and implications of dividing this service into two smaller and more manageable units, by the provision of approximately two hundred and fifty mentally handicapped beds at Newcastle. The development of Newcastle as a Hospital for the mentally handicapped will necessitate the removal of acute psychiatry and the provision of alternative accommodation elsewhere.

It is anticipated that with the development of the training and rehabilitation and Day facilities referred to above the need for acute beds for adult psychiatry could be reduced provided back-up beds for long stay psychiatric patients, geriatrics and mental handicap are available in sufficient numbers. Consideration is being given to the purchase of a private dwelling house in Bray for this purpose as well as the reservation of some beds in St. Columciile's Hospital, Loughlinstown.

Apart from any accommodation arrangements which it would be necessary to make consequent upon the removal of mentally handicapped patients to Newcastle, the Board's programme envisages a Child Day Treatment Centre in the Bray area. This Centre might conveniently be combined with the adult short-stay unit. The need for Hostel accommodation for persons from outlying areas attending the Rehabilitation/ Training Centre has also been established and this accommodation will have to be provided either directly by the Board or through some outside agency.

It is expected that the Centre will be staffed by medical, para-medical and nursing personnel who will be transferred from Newcastle Hospital. The latter staff will, of course, have to be replaced in whole or in part at Newcastle and the extent of replacement and grading of replacement staff are dependent upon a number of factors including (a) The number and

type of patient to be catered for at Newcastle subsequent to the removal of acute psychiatry therefrom and (b) finalisation of staffing policy to be implemented in conjunction with the Hospital's new function. On the understanding that two hundred and fifty mentally handicapped patients will be accommodated at Newcastle all transferred staff will be replaced, and the present establishment will require to be substantially augmented. Overall increased staffing costs will, therefore, not be appropriate to the acute psychiatric service.

The capital cost of acquiring and adapting a suitable premises will be in the region of £25,000. The estimated yearly running costs—excluding salaries and wages—will be £20,000 for which no provision has been made in the estimate of expenses for 1973/74.

## *2. Group Homes and Hostels:*

The programme for the development of mental health services which was considered and adopted by the Board in June, 1972, provided for the establishment of hostels and group homes for long-stay patients at present in the mental hospitals.

The report submitted by Professor Browne, Programme Manager, envisaged the implementation of a Preliminary Programme to be carried out in a hostel environment within the chronic wards to prepare long-stay patients to live under sheltered conditions in the community. It was recommended in the report that in order to provide for the first group of 50-100 patients who would move out from the hospitals suitable hostels and group homes would need to be provided in 1972/73. Depending on the success of the programme, this would be followed by a steady flow of accommodation for 100 - 150 patients in each of the following four years.

In order to implement this, a property known as the Adelphi Nursing Home, 153 North Circular Road, has been purchased for use as a long-stay hostel for about 30 patients. The purchase price of £31,000, which includes for all fittings, furnishings and fixtures, was negotiated by the Chief Valuer on behalf of the Board. In recommending the purchase of this property attention was drawn to the need to have the first long-stay hostel and group home located close to St. Brendan's Hospital so as to function in close association with the intensive programme of training for chronic patients in its early stages.

The Minister for Health has sanctioned the acquisition of this property and has made a grant of 50% of the purchase price available from the Hospitals Trust Fund. The balance of the price will be made available from the Local Loans Fund.

In order to provide a group home in the vicinity of St. Brendan's Hospital for the initiation of the programme, it has been agreed to make Barrymore House, North Circular Road available for this purpose. This property was acquired by the former Dublin Health Authority as a residence for male nursing staff and has not been used for that purpose. This will provide places for 15-20 residents who would largely look after themselves as they would require less supervision than the larger number resident in the long-stay hostel. The residents in both centres would normally attend a Day Centre or Community Workshop.

It is hoped to commence the preparatory programme of training in the near future.

#### *Active Hostels:*

In pursuance of the plan for the provision of active hostels in each catchment area, the purchase of Nos. 2 and 4 Grange Park Grove, Raheny for the sum of £15,000 has been negotiated by Chief Valuer on behalf of the Board. It is intended to use these two adjoining four bed-roomed, semi-detached houses as an active hostel for up to 16-18 residents, mainly from the Dublin North Central catchment area. It is contemplated that some places in the hostel may be made available for residents of the Dublin North East catchment area.

The purchase of this property was the culmination of several unsuccessful efforts to acquire suitable hostel premises in this area.

Further active hostel places may be required for the North Central and North East Areas if experience over the next four years shows that the premises at Grange Park Grove are inadequate for the needs of the two areas.

The Minister for Health has sanctioned the purchase of these houses and has made available a grant of 50% of the price from the Hospitals Trust Fund, the balance to be raised from the Local Loans Fund.

#### *4. Services in North Kildare:*

In Reports Nos. 7/1971 and 9/1972, arrangements for the provision of psychiatric services for an area of North Kildare

from St. Loman's Hospital, Ballyowen, were described. The arrangements which were approved by the Board covered the following electoral divisions:

Celbridge, Kilcock, Maynooth, Donadea, Balraheen, St raff an, Leixlip, Donaghcumper, Cloncurry, Ballynadrummy, Kilrainy, Carrick, Carbury, Windmill Cross, Drehid, Dunfierth, Cadamstown, Kilpatrick, Timahoe North and Timahoe South.

There are some 260 persons in the area at present availing of the service. They are being provided with out-patient clinic services, supported by domiciliary visiting, the in-patient treatment facilities at St. Loman's Hospital and, to some extent, by availing of the Day Centre facilities in the former Gate Lodge at St. Loman's.

The programme adopted for the development of the Mental Health Services by the Board provided for the establishment of a range of facilities, including one or more Day Treatment Centres in each catchment area.

Such centres have already been established in some areas. Professor Browne, whose report of June, 1972, envisaged the development of a Day Treatment Centre to serve the North Kildare area, has recommended that this facility should be provided at Maynooth, which is a rapidly growing centre of population, and is conveniently located both in relation to the other more densely populated centres and the rural districts in the western part of the area.

On the recommendation of Professor Browne, and following consultation with the Chief Valuer and the Architect, two adjoining semi-detached houses with four bedrooms each, Nos 52 and 52A now in course of construction at Maynooth Park, Greenfield Estate, Maynooth, have been purchased from Vaughan Builders Ltd., for the sum of £14,380. This is the standard price, but allows for certain adaptations of the standard lay-out to meet the needs of a Day Treatment Centre.

At a later stage in the development of the service, the question of providing a community workshop and rehabilitation and training centre for the area will be considered, as well as the possibility of using one of the former dispensary residences as a hostel.

As in the case of the other properties mentioned in this Report, the Minister for Health has sanctioned the purchase of this property and has made available a grant of 50% of the price from the Hospitals Trust Fund and the balance from the Local Loans Fund.

##### **5. Garden Hill Day Centre for Children:**

In May, 1966, a Day Centre and school for autistic and emotionally disturbed children was established in the former residence of the Resident Medical Superintendent of St. Kevin's Hospital, which is now part of the Board's property at Mount Brown.

The accommodation at Garden Hill has proved inadequate for the growing needs of the Child Psychiatric Service and for some time past the question of providing alternative facilities has been under examination. As part of the plan for the development of Child Day Treatment Centres in each catchment area provided for in Professor Browne's report of June, 1972, it has been agreed that such a centre will be constructed at St. James's Hospital in conjunction with other building works about to be undertaken at Hospital 7.

The Minister for Health has sanctioned this project, which is estimated to cost £12,000 half of which will be met by a grant from the Hospitals Trust Fund and the balance by way of loan to be raised by the Board from the Local Loans Fund.

With regard to the re-location of the special school, a number of possible alternatives have been examined, including the possibility of securing from the Dublin County Council the use of a suitable large house sited on property acquired by the Council for housing or other development.

If a suitable location could be found for a school to serve the South City and County, this would complement the facilities for children on the North side at Beaumont.

Following discussions with officers of Dublin County Council, it is proposed that the large residence on the property known as Marlay, at Grange Road, Rathfarnham, which was acquired by the Council for development as a public park, will be made available to the Board for use as a school and associated activities for one year initially at a rent or charge to be agreed.

On the recommendations of Professor Browne, it is proposed to agree to this arrangement and to explore further in consultation with the County Council, the possibility of developing school and residential treatment facilities for emotionally disturbed children on a long-term basis either at Marlay or other suitable large houses which might become available. Some work of adaptation will be necessary, mainly to provide suitable toilet facilities for children.

The question of the future use of the Garden Hill premises has also been considered. As already mentioned in this Report, this building is on a Site which is the property of the Board at Mount Brown, directly adjoining St. James's Hospital. Part of the Mount Brown site was leased in 1969 to the Governing Body of University College, Dublin, for the erection of an Endocrinological Research Unit. In March, 1971, the former Dublin Health Authority agreed to a request to an extension of the lease to include an extra half acre of ground to allow for the enlargement of the Research Unit for the development of further research programmes.

The research units on the site are being developed under the auspices of the U.C.D. Department of Psychiatry and will have an important relationship with St. James's Hospital and the emerging Joint Medical School, as well as with the Board's Services. A new element has been added to these research activities under the Department of Psychiatry by the establishment recently, with the aid of a substantial grant, of a Centre for Community Studies. The purpose of this Centre will be to foster community organisation and development and its research activities will largely complement the other research work at the Mount Brown site.

In view of the close connection between the various research activities projected, I propose, subject to the agreement of the Board in principle, to further extend the existing lease so as to enable the Garden Hill premises to be made available to the Governing Body of University College, Dublin, for use as a Centre for Community Studies".

After a debate to which Deputy Dockrell, Dr. Jennings, Dr. Meade, Mr. Corcoran, Mr. K. Harrington, Commissioner Garvin, Mr. Corrigan, Councillor Temple, Dr. McCormick, Councillor Cunningham, Mr. D. O'Flynn and Dr. John Cullen contributed, the following motion proposed by Dr. Jennings and seconded by Mr. H. Corrigan was discussed:

"Propose to defer consideration of the Greystones project until a report is received from the appropriate Programme Manager on Group Practice for the Board's area".

This motion was subsequently withdrawn and the following motion proposed by Councillor Temple and seconded by Councillor Sweeney was unanimously adopted:

"That the Board receive a deputation from the Wicklow Local Health Committee to discuss Health Centre/Group Practice at Greystones".

The deputation was not to exceed five persons. On consideration of the foregoing on a proposal by Dr. Jennings,

seconded by Mr. D. O'Fiynn the Board agreed to adopt the following motion:

'That the proposals outlined in Report No. 5/1973 be adopted".

#### 14/73 CHOICE OF DOCTOR SCHEME

The following Report No. 6/1973 from the Chief Executive Officer was submitted and noted on a proposal by Dr. Jennings seconded by Mr. D. O'Fiynn.

##### "(1) EXPENDITURE:

In previous reports the Board was informed that 375 doctors were participating in the Choice of Doctor Scheme. The Board was informed also that of the 375 doctors 74 are permanent District Medical Officers of whom 52 had opted for salary and 22 for fee per item service. The total number of doctors on fee per item is therefore 323. A total of 446 chemists are participating in the scheme.

Claims submitted by doctors in respect of surgery/domiciliary services provided by doctors and claims from chemists in respect of prescriptions dispensed for eligible patients are processed by the Central Pricing Bureau, Phibsboro. Payment to doctors and chemists is made each month by the Bureau. The payments made each month from April to November, 1972, inclusive are shown hereunder:

1972	PAYMENTS TO DOCTORS.		PAYMENTS TO CHEMISTS		
	No. of Claims	Amount £	Wo. of Prescriptions	Gross Cost £	Ingredient Cost of Drugs £
April	52,196	47787	59.626	108.348	(80,826)
May	72,488	66290	72.465	132,098	(98,368)
June	70,743	64871	69.554	116.867	85.882)
July	68,063	62273	71.118	121.233	(89.802)
August	69,854	62.983	71.253	122^40	(90.545)
September	83,232	75.304	83.258	143.440	(105,884)
October	89,887	80.715	87.291	149.095	(110.513)
November	90,301	82.638	86.911	150,475	(111547)
TOTALS:	596.764	5-2 861	601.476	1,043.796	(773.367)

**(2) ESTIMATE PROVISION:**

It was on the basis of these payments that it was necessary to revise the estimate provision for the current year and for 1973/74 as follows.

	DOCTORS (Salaries & Fees)	CHEMISTS	TOTAL
1972/73	£1,292,000	£1,662,000	£2,954,000
1973/74 . . . . .	£1,470,000	£2,000,000	£3,470,000

**(3) VISITATION RATES:**

In Report 78/1972 an analysis was made of the doctors visitation rates (surgery and domiciliary) for July, 1972. A similar analysis for the month of October showed a total of 71,057 surgery visits to doctors by patients which indicated an estimated overall average annual visitation rate of 6-7 per patient. In Kildare the rate was 3.4 and in Wicklow 4-7. In Dublin City and County and in Dun Laoghaire Borough, while the average was 7-2 the estimated annual surgery visitation rate per patient ranged from 3.0 to 15.0 and to as high as 24.0 in one case. It was again noticeable that the higher visiting rate related mainly to doctors who had a small number of persons on their panels.

An examination of the visitation by doctors to patients' homes during October revealed that in Dublin the estimated average annual domiciliary visitation was 1.9 per patient but again the rate varied from as low as 0.5 to as high as 9.0 in some cases and to 12 in one case. The estimated average annual domiciliary rate in Kildare was 1.1 and in Wicklow 1.8 per patient.

**(4) ANALYSIS OF PAYMENTS TO DOCTORS AND CHEMISTS:**

Payments for fee per item services to doctors in respect of the month of November, 1972, are grouped as follows:

Up to £250		181
£250 - £500	£500	83
£500 - £750		25
£750 - £1,000		4
£1,000 - £1,250		5
Over £1,250		1

Payments TO chemists for November, 1972 averaged £340 per chemist and this sum includes the ingredient cost of drugs dispensed.

(5) MEDICAL VACANCIES:

(a) *Former Newcastle (Newtownmountkennedy and Kiicoole Dispensary Districts)*

Some months ago Doctor Kevany indicated that he wished to withdraw from participation in the Choice of Doctor Scheme. Having regard to the large number of eligible persons on his panel and the extensive area covered it was decided to fill the vacancy by open competition. The Interview Board set up to interview candidates recommended for appointment Doctor M. O'Shaughnessy, Willow Grange, Kilcrone, Bray.

I propose to appoint Doctor O'Shaughnessy to fill the vacancy created by Doctor Kevany's withdrawal from the scheme. Doctor O'Shaughnessy will hold surgery sessions at Newtownmountkennedy Dispensary and at his home. He will also attend at Kiicoole Dispensary if necessary.

He has a panel of patients (and surgery) in Berkeley Street, Dubiin, at present, I propose to make it a condition of his appointment to the former Newcastle district that he will relinquish the panel of patients in Berkeley Street area.

(b) *Former Bray Dispensary District*

I have examined the position in relation to the Choice of Doctor Scheme in Bray following the death of Doctor Farrell.

There are 11 doctors practising in the Bray area (six of whom reside in Bray) and they have between them 3,284 patients on ineir paneis or an average of 300 per doctor.

I consider that at present there are sufficient doctors to serve the needs of eliglbie persons in Bray. Therefore, I do not propose to fill the vacancy created by the death of Doctor Farrei!. The eiigibie persons who were on his panel will be requested to choose another doctor from the list of doctors participating in the scheme.

(c)	Area	Cause of Vacancy
	Leixtip, Co. Kildare.	Death of Doctor
	South Earl Street. Meath Street.	Doctor has reached age limit

Having regard to the number of patients on the panels of the two doctors concerned and the number of participating doctors in the area i propose to fill both vacancies by open competition.

**(6) MEDICAL CARDS FOR STUDENTS:**

Section 45 (1) of the Health Act, 1970 provides that the following categories of persons shall have full eligibility i.e. entitlement to medical cards:

- (a) Adult persons unable without undue hardship to arrange general practitioner medical and surgical services for themselves and their dependants.
- (b) Dependants of the persons referred to in Paragraph (a).

For the purposes of the Health Acts, 1947 - 1970 an adult is a person who has reached the age of 16 years.

Section 45 of the Health Act, 1970 states also that in deciding whether or not a person comes within the category mentioned in sub-section (1) (a), regard shall be had to the means of the spouse (if any) of that person in addition to the person's own means. Thus in the case of a single person e.g. a student, it is his/her means only that is taken into account.

Section 58 provides that a health board shall make available without charge a general practitioner medical and surgical service for persons with full eligibility. This means all persons with full eligibility resident in the Board's area.

Students who are over 16 years of age whose home address is outside the Board's area and who are residing in the Board's area while attending Universities (as full-time day students) are in the category of persons for whom general practitioner service must be made available.

Applications from students are required to have the College stamp confirming that they are registered full-time students. The information on each application form as to income and outgoings is examined by the College Students Council. Each application is scrutinised by the Board's officers. Where there is a doubt as to eligibility in any case the application is deferred and inquiries are made

A total of 7,800 applications have been received from students attending Universities in Dublin and in Maynooth. Approximately 3,500 are from students whose home address is outside the area of the Board. If medical cards are issued to these 3,500 students they would constitute 2% of the total of eligible persons in the Board's area. There are approximately 250/300 applications from students who are natives of countries outside Ireland.

The period of validity of medical cards issued to University students is limited to the College academic year. For the current year the period of validity will be 6/7 months.

**(7) HEALTH CENTRE/GROUP PRACTICE—GREYSTONES:**

At its meeting in June, 1972 the Board endorsed my proposal to seek the Minister's approval in principle to provide a health centre at Greystones, Co. Wicklow, with facilities for a group practice requirements (Report 41/72). Two locally-based doctors who had opted for inclusion in the Choice of Doctor Scheme and who have been chosen by over 80% of about 1,000 eligible persons in the Greystones/Deigany area had indicated their willingness to co-operate in the setting up of a Group Practice. In a letter of 25th July, 1972 the Minister gave his approval in principle but pointed out it would be necessary for the Board to examine it in relation to other projects in the Capital Programme and to decide on the appropriate priorities.

The proposal has been considered at a number of meetings of the Local Advisory Health Committee for County Wicklow and at the Committee's meeting on the 19th instant the following motion was adopted by 18 votes to 6:

'That we recommend to the Board to defer the proposal for a Group Practice at Greystones and to proceed instead with health centre clinics at Arklow and Wicklow'.

The considerations which influenced Board members to proceed with the centre at Greystones including declared Ministerial policy for the fostering of Group Practice arrangements, did not carry the same weight with the majority of the Local Committee. I propose including the Greystones Project and a health centre at Arklow in a programme of Capital Works which will be ready for consideration by the Board at its March meeting".

**15/73 REPORT ON DEPUTATION TO THE MINISTER**

The following Report No. 7/1973 from the Chief Executive Officer was submitted:

The deputation appointed by the board was received by the Minister on the 24th inst. The following was the brief prepared for Board members:

*"1. Board Policy:*

The Board considered that St. James's Hospital and James Connolly Memorial Hospital were independent bodies and that the Eastern Health Board should not be concerned with their financing, including presentation of Estimates.

2. The Board of each hospital concurred with this view and, in fact, the Board of St. James's Hospital had requested in October last that the Minister agree to their funding by way of block grants—James Connolly Memorial Hospital Board had made a similar request in December last.

3. The Minister had agreed that the Boards of the two hospitals submit their estimates direct to his department, and in fact this had been done in accordance with instructions issued by the Department. The Minister told the Deputation which met him on 12th June, 1972 that he had not yet decided how funds were to be made available to the Boards of these hospitals and a decision on this matter has not yet been conveyed.

4. In the White Paper on the Future Development of the Health Services (Paras. 115 to 118) issued in 1966, the Minister made it quite clear that new and extended services would be financed entirely out of State funds. The new hospital Boards will provide services on a significantly different and more costly scale to that formerly provided by the Dublin Health Authority, which fact should be considered in the light of the statement in the White Paper that 'the proposal to alter the administration has influenced the Government's acceptance of the proposition that the local rates should not bear any part of the cost of extending and improving the health services'.

*5. Financing of the Joint Boards:*

It must be emphasised that apart from some degree of administrative inconvenience were the Boards to be financed as proposed by the Minister, it is not the direct concern of the Eastern Health Board how these Boards are to be financed. I understand from my discussions with the Managers of the Rating Authorities that it is of considerable importance to

them, who take the view that the new Boards are in fact on the same footing as Voluntary Hospitals and should be financed on a similar basis, i.e. that the Minister should fix capitation rates for Health Act patients treated in the two hospitals. The deputation which met the Minister in June 1972 stressed that 'the present method of financing the Boards was unsatisfactory both to the Boards and to Eastern Health Board'. I consider that this Deputation should endorse the submissions made on that occasion. It goes without saying that the Eastern Health Board will accept liability for the treatment of Health Act patients admitted to the hospitals of the Joint Boards but liability for the cost of their treatment is essentially a matter for determination between the Minister and the Rating Authorities. The latter also have to agree themselves as to the apportionment of the health charges for the area.

6. The Final Accounts for 1971/72 have recently become available and the gap between net Expenditure and the amounts received from State and local authority amounted to £844,352. It is estimated that a further shortfall of approximately £3-5 million will be revealed at 31st March, 1973 making a total deficit of almost £4-5 million. Account must also be taken of the position relative to 1973/74 where it would appear that a sum of over £5 million will be required (as an extra) to finance the services as planned by the Board".

There was a full exchange of views in the course of which the Chairman urged that capitation rates be fixed for the payment of Health Act patients, as in the case for Voluntary Hospitals. The Minister stated that his officials had assured him that the application of current capitation rates for teaching hospitals to the St. James's and James Connolly Memorial Hospitals would make very little difference in the amount? to be contributed by the Rating Authorities, it was pointed out to him that the Joint Body Hospitals could not be classified as teaching hospitals. Eventually, the Minister said he would arrange a meeting between his officials, the Managers of the Rating Authorities and Health Board personnel, at which the matter would be examined in greater detail".

After a discussion to which Deputy E. Timmons and Councillor M. Cunningham contributed the Board were advised that a further report would be submitted at the next meeting.

On a proposal by Councillor Carroll seconded by Mr. Hugh Corrigan the report was noted.

## 16/73 CREATION OF OFFICES

The following Report No. 8/1973 from the Chief Executive Officer was submitted:

**"1 Additional Offices:**

**(a) Attendants, Central Mental Hospital, Dundrum:**

The Eastern Health Board assumed responsibility for the staffing and administration of the Central Mental Hospital in April, 1971 where the Attendant staff were working a 48-hour week. Following negotiations with the union concerned I have agreed to introduce the 40-hour week for these staff from an early date to bring them into line with the hours of duty of other staff in the Board's service. The Programme Manager, Special Hospital Care, has had the position examined and has reported that seven additional male attendants and three additional female attendants will be required to introduce the shortened working week. I propose with the consent of the Board to seek the sanction of the Minister for Health to the creation of these additional offices. Provision for the cost of introducing a 40-hour week has been made in the Estimates and the additional cost is subject to 100% recoupment by the Department of Health.

**(b) Section Officer, Supt. Registrar's Office:**

Further to the Births, Death and Marriage Registration Act, 1972 which introduces revised methods of organisation and in accordance with the directions set out in Department of Health Circular dated 27th November, 1972, I propose, with the consent of the Board, to create an additional office of Section Officer grade to which will be assigned the duties of Supt. Registrar in the Eastern Health Board area.

**2. Revision of Salary Scales and Conditions:**

**(a) Week-end, Public Holidays and Night-duty Allowances—  
Psychiatric Nurses:**

The Labour Court issued a recommendation in July (Ref. No. 2771) on the question of additional payments for week-ends, public holidays and night duty. Negotiations on the application of this award are at present in train and pending the outcome the Minister for Health has given the necessary sanction to implement part of the recommendations to cover the period from 1st January, 1972 to 30th June, 1972. The cost of applying this interim payment is £32,000 for which no provision has been made in the current estimates.

**(b) Salary Scales—General Trained Nurses:**

Following conciliation conference under a scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration agreement was reached on the payment of a 10% increase to all general trained nurses with effect from 1st January 1972 as already conceded to psychiatric nurses on the basis of Labour Court Recommendation 2770. In accordance with usual practice, I propose to apply these increases in accordance with the terms of the Minister for Health's sanction of 11th January, 1973. The cost of applying them for the period ending 31st March 1973 is £157,000 and for 1973/74 £136,000 for which no provision has been made in the estimates".

On a proposal by Councillor Carroll seconded by Mr. Hugh Corrigan it was unanimously resolved as follows:

"That we, the Eastern Health Board, consent to the proposal contained in Report No. 8/1973 and authorise excess expenditure of £189,000 in the current financial year in excess of that provided in the Estimate of Expenses for that year and expenditure of £136,000 in the financial year ending 31st March, 1974 in excess of that provided in the Estimate of Expenses for 1973/74 under the following headings:

<i>Service</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>1972/73</i>	<i>1973/74</i>
Hearth:		£	£
Hospitals and Homes			
	General Hospitals . . . . .	111.000	96.000
	Psychiatric Hospitals	32.000	
	General Medical Services ...	14.000	13.000
	Maternity & Child Health Services . . . . .	27.000	23.000
	Infectious Diseases . . . . .	5.000	4.000
		189.000	136.000"

17/73 LOCAL HEALTH COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATIONS

**WICKLOW COMMITTEE:**

The following recommendations from the Wicklow Local Committee were considered:

**(1) Group Practice Greystones:**

'That we recommend to the Board to defer the proposal for a Group Practice Centre at Greystones and to proceed

instead with Health Centre Clinics at Arklow and Wickiow". (Report No. 6/1973).

**DECISION:** This item is to be dealt with by way of reception of Deputation.

**(2) Medical Cards for Foreign Students:**

"Recommend that the cost of medical treatment for overseas students should be a National charge". (Report No. 6/1973).

**DECISION:** Agreed.

**(3) Accident Ambulance Service:**

"Recommend the setting up of a rota system in the County to deal with accidents and that the County Medical Officer be asked to contact the doctors in the County and to arrange for such a system in the Wicklow area initially".

**DECISION:** Noted.

**(4) "Recommend that the Board be asked to include in the Estimates for 1973/74 a payment of a grant of £2,000 to the funds of the Co. Wickiow Association of Mentally Handicapped".**

**DECISION:** Noted.

**COUNTY DUBLIN COMMITTEE:**

**(1) Recommends that the Eastern Health Board, whether as agents or not provide a cheap fuel scheme for all areas in the County of Dublin".**

**DECISION:** Agreed.

**(2) "Recommends that the Minister for Social Welfare be asked to introduce at the earliest possible date a supplementary allowance for elderly people to cover the cost of heating, lighting and cooking as recommended by the Inter-Departmental Committee on the Care of the Aged".**

**DECISION:** Agreed.

**18/73 MEETING PLACE FOR BOARDS MONTHLY MEETING**

It was agreed that the next monthly meeting of the Board should be held in the Boardroom. St. Brendan's Hospital.

## 19/73 BORROWING PROPOSALS CAPITAL WORKS

The following Report from the Chief Executive Officer No. 10/1973 was submitted:

"I submit herewith, a schedule of capital expenditure projects for which long-term borrowing arrangements must be made:

	<i>Estimated i Estimated</i>		<i>Amount to be raised</i>
	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Grant</i>	
	£	£	£
•Grants to Voluntary Organisations for Building Works	473.000	—	473.000
•Improvement and Renewals in Board Hospitals. Homes and Other Premises	155.000	—	155.000
•Details on attached schedules			
<i>Health Centres:</i>			
Bianchardstown	18.000	9.000	9.000
Kilbarrack	22.000	11.000	11.000
Carnegie Centre (Exten.)	10.000	5.000	5.000
	50.000	25.000	25.000
<i>Psychiatric Service:</i>			
2 & 4 Grange Park Grove. Raheny	16.000	8.000	8.000
153 North Circular Road — Psychiatric Unit. James Connolly Memorial Hospital	32.000	16.000	16.000
St. Brendan's Hospital. Watermain Installation	35.000	17.500	17.500
2 Houses at Greenfield. Maynooth	23.000	11.500	11,500
St. Ita's Hospital—Improvement Divisions 9 and 11	15.000	7.500	7500
	11.000	5.500	5.500
	132.000	66.000	66.000
	310.000	91.000	719.000

The loans proposed for Grants to Voluntary Organisations are for maintenance works and are being raised in response to a request from the Minister for Health. The amounts involved were deducted from the Revenue Estimate of Expenses

for 1973/74 before submission to the Board in accordance with a direction issued on 24/10/72 by the Department of Health which stated:

"Even though the cost of individual items might not be significant the total yearly expenditure of a capital nature in any board area would probably justify the raising of long-term loans. While the charges arising on such loans would not rank for the statutory 50% grant, they would be reckoned in calculating supplementary grant".

The capital grants to Voluntary Organisations are additional to the revenue grants approved by the Board in the Estimate of Expenses for 1973/74.

It is proposed to raise four separate loans from the Commissioners of Public Works, all repayable over a period of 35 years as follows:

Grants to Voluntary Organisations. . . . .	£473,000
Maintenance Works. . . . .	£155,000
Health Centres. . . . .	£25,000
Psychiatric Services. . . . .	£66,000
	£719,000"

#### SCHEDULE 1

##### *"Contributions to Voluntary Organisations for Capital Works*

<i>Grants to Institutions for the Elderly:</i>	£
Maryfield. Chapelizod. . . . .	36,000
Cheshire Homes (Herbert Street). . . . .	10,000
St. John Home of Rest, Merrion Road. . . . .	8,000
Irish Sisters of Charity, Home for Aged, Donnybrook. . . . .	50,000
Little Sisters of the Poor, Home for Aged, Raheny. . . . .	21,000

##### *Grants to Voluntary Bodies Providing Community*

###### *Welfare Services for Elderly:*

Drimnagh Community Centre. . . . .	10,000
Naas Old Folks Committee. . . . .	3,000
Dun Laoghaire Old Folks Community Centre	10,000
Goldenbridge House—Day Centre	1,000

**Hostels and Clubs for Adolescents and Homes  
for Children:**

	£
Grange Convent . . . . .	10,000
Children's Home, Tivoli Road . . . . .	4,000
Sarsfield House, Hostel for Boys . . . . .	20,000
Madonna House (Extension and Renovations)	5,000
Miss Carr's Home (Extension). . . . .	15,000

**Grants to Mental Handicap Groups:  
Brothers of St. John of God:**

Special Care Unit. Ounmore, Glenageary. . . . .	27,400
Special Care Unit, Islandbridge. . . . .	9,600
Hostel for Adolescents, Islandbridge. . . . .	41,000
Extension of Services, Dunbeg House. . . . .	27,000

**St. Michael's House:**

New Diagnostic and Counselling Centre	20,000
Special Care Unit, Raheny. . . . .	11,000
Hostel for Adolescents. . . . .	15,000
Expansion of Sheltered Workshop, Belcamp. . . . .	15,000
Provision of Hostel. Belcamp. . . . .	8,000

**Stewarts Hospital. Palmerstown:**

Cherry Orchard Group Sheltered Workshop. . . . .	40,000
Stewarts Hospital — Hostel	15,000
KARE Special Care Unit	19,000

**Other Groups:****Rehabilitation Institute:**

New Hostel. Dartry. . . . .	4,000
Workshop, Naas. . . . .	3,000
N.A.C.P.I. New Hostel	15,000

473,000

**SCHEDULE 2****Maintenance Works to be financed for Capital Expenditure**

<i>St. Mary's:</i>	£	£
Conversion of Cinema to Lecture Hall and existing Hall to Pathology Department	3.000	
Replace Steam Boiler .....	6.000	
Kitchen Equipment .....	2.500	
Modifications to Main Sewer .....	2.500	
	14,000	
<i>Clonskeagh:</i>		
Renovations in Main Kitchen .....	4.800	
	4,800	
<i>Cherry Orchard:</i>		
Plant Replacement .....	2.000	
Kitchen Equipment .....	1.000	
	3,000	
<i>St. Columcille's</i>		
Up-grading Ward Kitchens .....	5.000	
	5,000	
<i>Bru Chaoimhin:</i>		
Electrical Rewiring .....	3,500	
Up-grading Ward Kitchens .....	3,500	
Covered Way Units 3/4 .....	2,000	
Curtain Rails Unit 3 .....	3,000	
Telephone Fire Alarm System .....	2,500	
	14,500	
<i>St. Brigid's: •</i>		
Replacement Section Heating Boiler.....	3,000	
Modification and alterations to Main Kitchen .....	2,000	
Standby Gas Cooker .....	2,000	
Replace Heating Mains C & D .....	2,500	
Renewal of Sewage System .....	5,000	
Repairs to Gables, etc. ....	8,200	
	22,700	
<i>St. Patrick's:</i>		
Kitchen Equipment .....	1,200	
Rewiring .....	1,500	
	2,700	

<b>Coombe:</b>	£	
Improvements, Sanitary Facilities	1,500	
Rewiring .....	2,000	
Improvements, Heating & Hot Water System	2,000	
Fire Alarm System .....	1,000	6,500
<b>District Hospital, Wicklow:</b>		
Extension of Mortuary ...	1,000	1,000
<b>St. Brendan's:</b>		
Sundry Works	20,000	20,000
<b>St. Ita's:</b>		
Sundry Works	20,000	20,000
<b>Newcastle:</b>		
Enclosure of Verandahs	1,000	
Conversion of Boiler Plant to Oil	1,800	
Fire Alarm System .....	3,500	
Rationalisation of Electrical Supply	3,000	9,300
<b>General Medical Services:</b>		
Improvements—Heating & H.W. Clinics	8,500	
Fire Protection .....	2,500	
Up-grading Dental Clinics .....	10,000	
Conversion former Pharmacies	5,500	
Central Heating (Lucan, Clondalkin, Rathcoole) .....	2,000	28,500
<b>Central Services:</b>		
Renovations—Stores .....	3,000	3,000
		155,000

It is proposed to finance the above works from capital expenditure by means of 3 special loan"

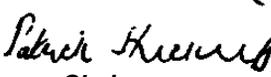
On a proposal by Councillor M. Carroll seconded by Mr. H. Corrigan the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"That the proposals outlined in Report No. 10/1973 be adopted".

The meeting terminated at 8.00 p.m.

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EOGHAN O CAOIMH,

  
Chairman.