

## EASTERN HEALTH BOARD

*Minutes of Proceedings of Committee of the Whole House of the Eastern Health Board held in the Boardroom, St. Brendan's Hospital, Grangegorman, on 2nd May, 1974 at 4 p.m.*

*Present:*

Berry, Commissioner John	Lacey, Miss Mary
Birmingham, Mr. Michael E.	Leonard, Commissioner T.
Brady, Cllr. M.	McCormick, Dr. James
Corcoran, Mr. J.	Mahon, Cllr. A.
Corrigan, Mr. Hugh P.	Mahon, Dr. J. R.
Cullen, Dr. J.	Meade, Dr. A.
Dockrell, Deputy H. P.	O'Flynn, Mr. Dermot
Doyle, Dr. J. Stephen	Ruane, Mr. Martin
Guinan, Cllr. J.	Sweeney, Cllr. J.
Harrington, Mr. Kevin	Temple, Cllr. J.
Hayes, Commissioner Liam	Timmins, Deputy G.
Hickey, Cllr. Patk.	Timmons, Deputy E.
Jennings, Dr. P. C.	Walker, Dr. J.
Kinsella, Miss Kay	

Councillor P. Hijckey, Chairman, presided.

*Officers in Attendance:*

Mr. E. O Caoimh, <i>Chief Executive Officer</i>	Mr. J. Clarke
Mr. J. J. Nolan, <i>Deputy Chief Executive Officer</i>	Mr. F. McCullough
Mr. E. Keyes, <i>Programme Manager, Special Hospital Care</i>	Mr. P. J. Swords
Mr. F. Donohue, <i>Programme Manager, Community Care</i>	Mr. M. Murray-Hayden
Mr. J. F. Reynolds, <i>Finance Officer</i>	Mr. J. Doyle
Mr. R. N. Lamb, <i>Personnel Officer</i>	Mr. H. Dunne
Mr. F. Elliott, <i>Planning &amp; Evaluation Officer</i>	Mr. A. O'Brien
	Mr. C. D. McElree
	Mr. E. Butler
	Mr. K. Quinn
	Mr. F. Williams
	Miss L. O'Kelly
	Mr. E. Dunphy
	Mr. B. Garvey
	Mr. P. A. Sheehan
	Mr. A. J. Duggan

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The Chairman introduced Mr. E. Keyes, the new Programme Manager, Special Hospital Care and the members extended a very warm welcome to him.

C2/74 ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR NINE MONTHS ENDING 31/12/1974

The following documents which had been circulated were considered:

- (1) Book of Estimates including Report of Chief Executive Officer thereon;
- (2) Summary of Estimate.

The following statement is a summary of the Estimate as circulated:—

<i>"Expenditure</i>	<i>Estimate 1973/74</i>	<i>Revised Estimate 1973/74</i>	<i>Estimate for 9 months ending 31/12/74</i>
	£000	£000	£000
General Hospital Care	17,952-4	17,7180	14,506-7
Special Hospital Care	5,980-5	6,592 0	5,253-6
Community Care	7,881-4	8,651 0	7,311-7
Central Services	1,375-6	1,409 0	1,1680
Public Assistance Services	1,181 -2	1,191-9	890 2
Health Inspectors	120-8	1590	1100
Estimated Gross Expenditure	34,491 -9	35,720-9	29,240-2
Estimated Income	2,519-9	2,770-9	2,140-2
Estimated Net Expenditure	31,972 0	32,950 0	27,100 0"

At the outset the Chairman suggested that as in previous years there should be a general discussion of the Report, to be followed by detailed examination of the contents of the Book of Estimates. This was agreed to. The Chairman then proceeded to go through the Chief Executive Officer's Report and then the Book of Estimates and Appendices one by one.

In regard to Appendix B3 the Chief Executive Officer informed the meeting that the proposals had been discussed with senior officials of the Department on the previous day from which it was learned that some finance would be forthcoming but not to the extent set out in this Appendix.

During the course of the examination the following members contributed to the debate: Commissioner Berry, Cllr. Sweeney, Miss Kinsella, Cllr. Temple, Mr. O'Flynn, Commissioner Hayes, Dr. Jennings, Dr. McCormick, Mr. Corrigan, Mr. Ruane, Cllr. Mahon, Dr. Meade, and the Finance Officer, Mr. Reynolds, answered the members on the finance queries. In reply to other questions raised by the members, Mr. Donohue, Mr. Keyes and Mr. Swords, Mr. J. Doyle and Mr. H. Dunne also spoke.

During the course of the debate, in reply to questions by Miss Kinsella it was agreed that details of the amounts paid to voluntary organisations should be included in the Abstract of Accounts.

Mr. Corrigan had raised, during the debate, the question of separating medicines and Pharmacists' fees in the Book of Estimates and on a proposal by Mr. Corrigan, seconded by Mr. Ruane, the following motion was agreed to unanimously:—

"That separate costings be shown of medicines and fees paid to Pharmacists in the Book of Estimates."

The members having concluded their examination of the Book of Estimates, including the Appendices, the following motion proposed by Mr. O'Flynn and seconded by Deputy Dockrell was unanimously adopted:—

"That this Committee having considered the Estimate for the 9 months ending 31st December, 1974 and the revised expenditure for 1973/74, hereby recommend the adoption of the following Estimate:—

<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Estimate 1973/74</i>	<i>Revised Estimate 1973/74</i>	<i>Estimate for 9 months ending 31/12/74</i>
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Special Hospital Care	5,980.5	6,592.0	5,253.6
Community Care	7,881.4	8,651.0	7,311.7
Central Services	1,375.6	1,409.0	1,16.0
Public Assistance Services	1,181.2	1,191.9	890.2
Health Inspectors	120.8	159.0	110.0
Estimated Gross Expenditure	34,491.9	35,720.9	29,240.2
Estimated Income	2,519.9	2,770.9	2,140.2
Estimated Net Expenditure	31,972.0	32,950.0	27,100.0

The meeting terminated at 5.50 p.m.

CORRECT:

Eoghan O Caoimh,  
*Chief Executive Officer.*

**Chairman.**