

## EASTERN HEALTH BOARD

*Minutes of Proceedings of Annual Meeting of Eastern Health Board held in the Boardroom, St. Brendan's Hospital, Grange-gorman, on 11th July, 1974, at 6 p.m.*

*Present :*

Councillor Mrs. J. Barlow	Councillor P. Hickey
Mr. M. Birmingham	Dr. P. C. Jennings
Councillor M. Brady	Councillor D. Kinsella
Councillor D. Browne	Miss K. Kinsella
Councillor M. Carroll	Miss M. Lacey
Dr. R. Carroll	Councillor T. Leonard
Councillor J. Connolly	Dr. J. McCormick
Mr. J. Corcoran	Councillor M. McWey
Mr. H. Corrigan	Dr. J. R. Mahon
Dr. J. Cullen	Dr. A. Meade
Deputy H. P. Dockrell	Councillor C. Murphy, T.D.
Councillor G. Doyle	Alderman Dr. J. O'Connell
Dr. J. Stephen Doyle	T.D.
Councillor J. Durning	Mr. D. O'Flynn
Alderman A. Fitzgerald	Mr. M. Ruane
Councillor Mrs. A. Glenn	Councillor J. Sweeney
Councillor T. Hand	Deputy E. Timmons, T.D.
Mr. K. Harrington	Dr. J. Walker

Councillor P. Hickey, 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. J. F. Reynolds, <i>Finance Officer</i>
Mr. T. Keyes, <i>Programme Manager, Special Hospital Care</i>	Mr. F. Elliott, <i>Planning &amp; Evaluation Officer</i>
Mr. F. Donohue, <i>Programme Manager, Community Care</i>	Mr. F. J. McCullough
Prof. B. O'Donnell, <i>Dublin Medical Officer</i>	Mr. J. Doyle
Prof. I. Browne, <i>Chief Psychiatrist</i>	Mr. H. Dunne
	Mr. A. O'Brien
	Mr. E. Dunphy
	Mr. J. A. Duggan
	Mr. P. A. Sheehan
	Mr. K. Quinn
	Miss L. O'Kelly
	Miss K. Dolan

## 79/74 TRIBUTE TO FORMER MEMBERS

The Chairman in welcoming the new members to the Board paid tribute to the retired members for their diligence and the vast amount of work they had put in. All the members joined in this tribute.

## 80/74 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The following members were nominated for the post of Chairman :

- (i) Councillor P. Hickey proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney and seconded by Councillor T. Leonard.
- (ii) Councillor H. P. Dockrell, T.D. proposed by Alderman Dr. J. O'Connell, T.D. and seconded by Alderman A. Fitzgerald.

A vote was then taken resulting in 22 votes for Councillor Hickey and 12 for Councillor Dockrell. There was one abstention.

For Councillor Hickey :

Councillor Mrs. J. Barlow, Dr. R. Carroll, Mr. J. Corcoran, Mr. H. Corrigan, Dr. J. Cullen, Councillor G. Doyle, Dr. J. S. Doyle, Mr. K. Harrington, Councillor P. Hickey, Dr. P. C. Jennings, Councillor D. Kinsella, Miss K. Kinsella, Miss M. Lacey, Councillor T. Leonard, Dr. J. McCormick, Dr. J. R. Mahon, Dr. A. Meade, Councillor C. Murphy, Mr. D. O'Flynn, Councillor J. Sweeney, Councillor E. Timmons, T.D., Dr. J. Walker.

For Councillor Dockrell :

Councillor M. Brady, Councillor D. Browne, Councillor M. Carroll, Councillor J. Connolly, Councillor H. P. Dockrell, T.D., Councillor J. Durning, Alderman A. Fitzgerald, Councillor A. Glenn, Councillor T. Hand, Councillor M. McWey, Alderman J. O'Connell, T.D., Mr. M. Ruane.

Councillor Hickey was declared elected.

## 81/74 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

The following candidates were nominated :

- (i) Councillor H. P. Dockrell, T.D. proposed by Alderman A. Fitzgerald seconded by Alderman Dr. J. O'Connell, T.D.
- (ii) Mr. D. O'Flynn proposed by Dr. J. Walker seconded by Dr. R. Carroll.

A vote was then taken resulting in 21 votes for Mr. O'Flynn and 12 for Councillor Dockrell with 2 abstentions.

The voting was as follows :

For Councillor Dockrell :

Councillor M. Brady, Councillor D. Browne, Councillor M. Carroll, Councillor J. Connolly, Councillor H. P. Dockrell, T.D., Councillor J. Durning, Alderman A. Fitzgerald, Councillor T. Hand, Councillor A. Glenn, Councillor M. McWey, Alderman Dr. J. O'Connell, T.D., Mr. M. Ruane.

For Mr. O'Flynn :

Councillor Mrs. J. Barlow, Dr. R. Carroll, Mr. J. Corcoran, Mr. H. Corrigan, Dr. J. Cullen, Councillor G. Doyle, Dr. J. S. Doyle, Mr. K. Harrington, Councillor P. Hickey, Dr. P. C. Jennings, Councillor D. Kinsella, Miss K. Kinsella, Miss M. Lacey, Councillor T. Leonard, Dr. J. McCormick, Dr. J. R. Mahon, Dr. A. Meade, Councillor C. Murphy, Councillor J. Sweeney, Councillor E. Timmons, T.D., Dr. J. Walker.

Mr. D. O'Flynn was then declared elected.

#### 82/74 VISITING COMMITTEES

The constitution of both the hospital groupings and the members thereof was examined and the membership of the visiting committees is as set out.

#### VISITING COMMITTEES FOR 1974/75

HOSPITALS	MEMBERS
NO. 1 VISITING COMMITTEE	
A Newcastle Psychiatric Hospital	Councillor M. Carroll
B St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum	Miss M. Lacey
C District Hospital, Wicklow	Dr. J. McCormick
D District Hospital, Baltinglass	Councillor J. Sweeney
E Vergemount Hospital, Clonskea, Dublin	Deputy H. P. Dockrell
F St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlins- town	Councillor D. Kinsella
	Councillor C. Murphy
	Councillor T. Hand
	Mr. K. Harrington
NO. 2 VISITING COMMITTEE	
A St. Brendan's Psychiatric Hospital	Mr. H. Corrigan
B Cherry Orchard Fever Hospital	Miss K. Kinsella
C St. Brigid's Home, Crooksling	Alderman A. Fitzgerald
D Bru Chaoimhin, Cork St., Dublin	Mr. M. Ruane
E Old Coombe Day Centre	Councillor T. Leonard
F Industrial Therapy, Hanbury Lane	Deputy Dr. J. O'Connell
G Central Mental Hospital, Dundrum	Dr. J. Walker
H St. Patrick's Home, Dublin 7	Councillor J. Connolly
	Councillor D. Browne

## HOSPITALS

## MEMBERS

## NO. 3 VISITING COMMITTEE

- A St. Ita's Hospital, Portrane
- B County Hospital, Naas
- C St. Vincent's Hospital, Athy
- D St. Gabriel's Day Centre, Clontarf

Dr. P. C. Jennings  
 Councillor M. Brady  
 Councillor P. Hickey  
 Mr. D. O'Flynn  
 Mr. M. Bermingham  
 Dr. J. Cullen  
 Councillor M. McWey  
 Councillor G. Doyle

## NO. 4 VISITING COMMITTEE

- A St. Mary's Hospital, Phoenix Park
- B St. Loman's Psychiatric Hospital  
 Ballyowen and Aux. Day Centre,  
 Crumlin
- C St. Clare's Home, Glasnevin
- D Legion Hostel, North Brunswick St.
- E Mount Pleasant, Ranelagh (Psychiatric  
 Day Centre and Hostel)
- F Daneswood, Glasnevin (Psychiatric  
 Hostel)
- G Usher's Island

Deputy E. Timmons  
 Dr. J. S. Doyle  
 Dr. R. Carroll  
 Dr. J. R. Mahon  
 Dr. A. Meade  
 Councillor Mrs. J. Barlow  
 Councillor Mrs. A. Glenn  
 Mr. J. Corcoran

Councillor M. Brady raised the question of selecting a member of the Board as a representative for St. Dymphna's, Carlow, and on a proposal by Councillor M. Carroll seconded by Councillor J. Connolly, it was unanimously agreed that Councillor M. Brady should be the representative thereto.

The meeting concluded at 6.45 p.m.

CORRECT:

J. J. NOLAN,  
*Deputy Chief Executive Officer*

Signed :

*Chairman*

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Mr. M. Bermingham	Councillor P. Hickey
Councillor M. Brady	Dr. P. C. Jennings
Councillor D. Browne	Councillor D. Kinsella
Councillor M. Carroll	Miss K. Kinsella
Dr. R. Carroll	Miss M. Lacey
Councillor J. Connolly	Councillor T. Leonard
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Councillor J. Durning	Mr. M. Ruane
Alderman A. Fitzgerald	Councillor J. Sweeney
Councillor Mrs. A. Glenn	Dr. J. Walker
Councillor T. Hand	

Councillor P. Hickey, Chairman, presided.

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## 83/74 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of meeting of June 6th, 1974 having been circulated were confirmed on a proposal by Mr. H. Conigan, seconded by Councillor T. Leonard subject to the following amendments:

On page 67 under Question—the substitution of 'Councillor T. Leonard' for Mr. Michael Birmingham.

On page 75 the last paragraph of Minute 73/74 — the addition of the following words "without psychiatric experience" after Sick Children's Nurses.

## 84/74 PROCEEDINGS OF VISITING COMMITTEES

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

- (a) No. 1 Visiting Committee meeting held at Newcastle Hospital on 18th April, 1974.
- (b) No. 1 Visiting Committee meeting held at Welfare Home, Bray on 6th June, 1974.
- (c) No. 2 Visiting Committee meeting held at St. Brigid's Home, Crooksling on 21st May, 1974.
- (d) No. 2 Visiting Committee meeting held at St. Patrick's Home, Navan Road on 28th May, 1974.
- (e) No. 4 Visiting Committee meeting held at St. Loman's Hospital on 13th June, 1974.
- (f) No. 4 Visiting Committee meeting held at the Legion of Mary Hostel on 13th June, 1974.
- (g) No. 4 Visiting Committee meeting held at St. Clare's Home on 30th May, 1974.

## 85/74 MINUTES OF SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

The minutes of the above meeting held on 30th June having been, circulated were adopted on a proposal by Mr. Dermot O'Fiynn seconded by Mr. Martin Ruane.

Arising from these minutes Alderman Dr. J. O'Connell queried why patients referred by a Doctor to the Endocrine Unit were refused admission. Dr. Cullen explained the situation, and expressed a wish that the Board would support a request for an increase in capitation rates for this Unit. Dr. Doyle referred to the valuable work done by the Committee and hoped that the Committee should not be allowed to lapse but should continue to be used by the Board for examining such projects as the Board would consider suitable.

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ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES, APRIL-DECEMBER, 1974  
DEVELOPMENT OF SERVICES AND EXCESS EXPENDITURE

The following Report No. 30/1974 from the Deputy Chief Executive Officer was submitted:—

## " (a) DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

In my Report No. 21/1974 on the Estimate of Expenses for the nine months to 31st December, 1974, I drew attention to the fact that the Minister for Health had indicated that in addition to the approved allocation, a limited amount of money would become available for further development of services, over and above those provided for in the Estimate of Expenses.

The Minister invited the Board's proposals, and these were detailed on Appendix B, attached to the Estimate of Expenses for the period April/December, 1974.

The Department of Health, in letter dated 30th May, 1974, stated that the Minister has considered the proposals submitted in the light of resources available and has decided that in addition to the sum of £1,050,000 already provided for committed developments in respect of the period April/December, 1974, a further sum of £190,000 will be made available to the Board for expenditure in 1974.

The purposes for which this sum may be expended are as follows:—

## COMMUNITY CARE

Senior Social Workers,	
Home Help Organisers,	
Public Health Nurses,	
Psychologists for School Health Services	
Social Workers	33,000
Meals on Wheels	25,000
Home Help Services	65,000

## GENERAL HOSPITAL CARE

<i>St. Mary's Hospital</i>	
Ward Sisters, Staff Nurses, etc.,	
Receptionist, etc.,	8,000
Equipment	2,000

<i>St. Clare's Hospital</i>	
Equipment	1,000
<i>St. Columcille's Hospital</i>	
Attendants, clerk-typists,	
Receptionist	3,000
Pathology Services	1,000
<i>Technical Services</i>	
Maintenance staff for Wicklow Hospitals	3,000
	<u>18,000</u>

**SPECIAL HOSPITAL CARE**

<i>Day Treatment Centres at</i>	
<i>Finglas, Coolock, Ballymun</i>	
Staff	10,000
Rent and running expenses	12,000
<i>Emergency Psychiatric Service</i>	
Staff	15,000
<i>Unified Post Graduate</i>	
<i>Psychiatric Programme</i>	12,000
	<u>49,000</u>
TOTAL . . . .	£190,000

The Board's authorisation to the above expenditure is requested.

(b) IMPLEMENTATION OF EMPLOYER-TRADE UNION NATIONAL AGREEMENT, 1974.

In Report No. 21/1974 I also pointed out that the allocation approved by the Minister for Health on which the Estimate of Expenses was based did not include provision for the 15th Round increases in remuneration under the Employer-Trade Union National Agreement, 1974. The Minister for Health has now issued Circular 4/1974 dated 3rd May, 1974, conveying approval to the first phase of the Agreement. The implementation of the Agreement will involve the Board in the expenditure of an estimated £410,300 in respect of the period from 1st April to 31st December, 1974, for which provision has not been made in the Estimate of Expenses. The Board's authorisation to the additional expenditure is requested.



## (c) INCREASES IN HEALTH ALLOWANCES

The Department of Health in letter dated 14th June, 1974, have advised that from July, 1974, all rates of Social Insurance and Assistance Payments together with associated health allowances will be increased by 18%. The increased rates of health allowances are set out in

- (a) Disabled Persons (Maintenance Allowances) (Amendment) Regulations, 1974.
- (b) Infectious Diseases (Maintenance) Regulations, 1974, issued by the Minister for Health on 24th June, 1974.

The implementation of the increased allowances will involve the Board in the following estimated additional expenditure during the nine months to 31st December, 1974, for which provision has not been made in the Estimate of Expenses:—

Disabled Persons Allowances . . . . .	£97,500
Infectious Diseases Allowances . . . . .	£3,000

The Board's authorisation to the additional expenditure is requested.

## (d) INCREASED CAPITATION RATES, ST. MARY'S SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, CABRA

By Circular KA 122/38 of 27th May, 1974, the Minister for Health has approved payment of a revised capitation rate of £450 per annum in respect of persons maintained in St. Mary's School for the Deaf, Cabra, instead of the existing rate of £312 per annum with effect from 1st April, 1974.

The estimated additional expenditure not provided in the Estimate of Expenses in respect of the period to 31st December, 1974, is £2,300.

The Board's authorisation to the additional expenditure is requested".

The Finance Officer explained the situation to the members and on a proposal by Mr. H. P. Corrigan seconded by Councillor M. Carroll it was unanimously resolved as follows :

"That we, the Eastern Health Board, consent to the proposals contained in Report No. 30/1974 and authorise the expenditure of £703,100 in the current financial period in excess of that provided in the Estimate of Expenses for the nine months to 31st December, 1974, for the following purposes :—

	£
Development of Services . . . . .	.190,000
National Wage Agreement . . . . .	.410,300
Increase in Health Allowances . . . . .	.100,500
increased Capitation Rates, St. Mary's School for Deaf, Cabra . . . . .	2,300
	£703,100

#### 87/74 OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

The following Report No. 31/1974 from the Deputy Chief Executive Officer was submitted:—

"The limit on temporary borrowing by way of overdraft during the three months ending on 30th inst. is £3,000,000 in accordance with the consent given by the Board at its meeting on 7th March, 1974 (Minute No. 35/74).

It was set out in Report No. 15/1974 of 1st March that amounts to be received from the rating authorities had not then been ascertained. The figures have become available since then. The amounts to be received in the nine month accounting period to 31st December, 1974, are £4,543,537 for health services and £651,648 for public assistance services which are provided by the Board as agent for the public assistance authorities. The contributions are detailed in the following statement; the figures in parenthesis are the amounts that were paid to the Board in the year to 31st March last.

<i>Rating Authorities</i>	<i>Health</i>	<i>Public</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>Services</i>	<i>Assistance</i> <i>Services</i>	
	£	£	£
Dublin Corporation	2,878,085	502,337	3,380,422
	(5,366,028)	(817,237)	(5,482,315)
Dublin County Council	735,563	67,333	852,901
	(1,426,244)	(59,013)	(1,435,262)
Dun Laoghaire Corporation	259,405	—	259,405
	(511,250)	—	(511,250)
Kildare County Council	322,759	50,412	373,181
	(334,097)	(52,258)	(686,355)
Wicklow County Council	297,715	31,561	329,276
	(558,997)	(50,254)	(618,251)
	4,543,537	651,648	5,195,185
	(8,995,616)	(737,817)	(9,783,433)

The substantial reduction from one period to the next is due to the ongoing transfer of health expenditure from the rates to central funds and to the fact that the current period is of nine months as against the previous twelve months period.

Having regard to estimations of the flow rate of income from contributions and from health services grant, and in the light of experience generally, it is anticipated that overdraft financing will continue to be necessary and that a maximum amount of £3,000,000 will be required during the three months ending on 30th September next:

I recommend, therefore, that the Board consent to the temporary borrowing by way of overdraft up to a limit of £3,000,000 until 30th September, 1974."

Dr. Cullen queried the reason for an overdraft of such magnitude. The Finance Officer explained the reasons and on a proposal by Councillor H. P. Dockrell seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney it was unanimously resolved as follows:—

"That the Eastern Health Board hereby consent to the temporary borrowing by way of overdraft as outlined in Report No. 31/1974".

#### 38/74 MEMBERSHIP OF HOSPITAL BOARDS

The following Report No. 32/1974 from the Deputy Chief Executive Officer was submitted:—

"Under the terms of the Establishment Order, the Board of St. James's Hospital consists of 20 members of whom ten are nominated by the Federated Dublin Hospitals and ten are nominated by the Eastern Health Board. Of the latter ten the Board has already decided that the Deputy Chief Executive Officer with the Programme Manager for Special Hospitals and the Programme Manager for Community Care should be members together with seven other nominees to be appointed at this meeting. Councillors Carroll, Hickey, Dockrell and O'Connell are the existing members.

A somewhat different situation exists in regard to James Connolly Hospital where out of a Board of 15 members six are appointed by the Eastern Health Board and nine by the three North City Hospitals (Mater, Jervis Street and St. Laurence's). The Eastern Health Board has decided that a Programme Manager should be a member of the Hospital Board of which Surgeon H. McCarthy and Mr. F. Elliott are already members. The remaining four representatives should be appointed at this meeting. Councillors Carroll, Dockrell and Hickey are the existing members.

The Board also has power of appointment of eleven representatives on the Meath Hospital Board but their current period of office will not expire until 31st March, 1975".

Mr. Nolan explained the situation to the members and on a proposal by Councillor D. Browne seconded by Councillor M. Carroll it was unanimously resolved that in addition to the previously agreed appointment of Programme Managers the Board should also appoint a General Practitioner to each of the Hospital Boards of St. James's and James Connolly Memorial Hospitals.

Following this decision it was agreed that the remaining vacancies should be filled at the meeting.

*St. James's Board*

<i>Nominated</i>	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Seconded</i>
Dr. S. Doyle	Dr. J. Walker	Dr. R. Carroll
Dr. A. Meade	Mr. H. Corrigan	Mr. J. Corcoran
Mr. M. Birmingham	Cllr. M. McWey	Cllr. M. Brady
Cllr. D. Browne	Ald. Dr. J. O'Connell	Cllr. J. Connolly
Cllr. H. P. Dockreil	Dr. P. C. Jennings	Ald. A. Fitzgerald
Cllr. J. Connolly	Ald. A. Fitzgerald	Cllr. M. Carroll
Dr. J. R. Mahon	Mr. M. Ruane	Mr. J. Corcoran

The foregoing as nominated were unanimously elected to the St. James's Hospital Board.

*James Connolly Memorial Board*

<i>Nominated</i>	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Seconded</i>
Dr. P. C. Jennings	Mr. D. O'Flynn	Dr. J. S. Doyle
Cllr. M. Carroll	Cllr. T. Hand	Cllr. J. Connolly
Cllr. P. Hickey	Cllr. J. Sweeney	Mr. K. Harrington
Cllr. Mrs. A. Glenn	Ald. Dr. J. O'Connell	Ald. A. Fitzgerald

The foregoing as nominated were unanimously elected to the James Connolly Hospital Board.

89/74 REHABILITATION OF THE PSYCHIATRICALY  
DISABLED

The following Report No. 33/1974 from the Deputy Chief Executive Officer was submitted :—

"The report on the development of Mental Health Services adopted by the Board in June, 1972 made a brief reference to the need for rehabilitation and training in the field of psychiatry. Some projects are already in operation. I attach a

report prepared by Mr. Brian Glanville, Director of Psychology, Eastern Health Board in consultation with Dr. Ingo Fischer, Consultant Psychologist, a pilot programme of comprehensive and integrated rehabilitation for the psychiatrically disabled. The objective of the project, which will extend over a three-year period and which will cater for 20 patients at a time, will be to place and maintain the maximum number of chronic patients in open employment. I consider the project worthwhile and recommend that the Board approve the scheme subject to the sanction of the Minister, and the availability of a grant of 50% of the cost from E.E.C. Funds, to whom the scheme will be submitted.

The annual running costs will be approximately £70,000 when the project is in full operation and the initial capital cost is estimated at £50,000, for projects of this type.

There is no provision in the 1974 Estimate but provision will be made in the 1975 Estimates by which time the E.E.C. decision will be available."

Mr. T. Keyes, Programme Manager, Special Hospital Care, gave the members a general outline of the proposals which he was recommending and introduced Mr. B. Glanville who explained in more detail what was involved in the project. Dr. Cullen commended the proposal to the meeting and Mr. Ruane enquired if the Clinical Directors had formally concurred with the recommendations. Mr. Keyes informed the members that the Clinical Directors had been informally advised of the proposals and Mr. Ruane accepted his undertaking that the Clinical Directors would be consulted at a later date. On a proposal by Dr. Cullen seconded by Mr. M. Birmingham it was unanimously resolved as follows :—

"That the proposals outlined in Report No. 33/1974 be adopted."

#### 90/74 PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES—DAY CENTRES AT DALKEY AND BRAY

\_ The following Report No. 34/1974 from the Deputy Chief Executive Officer was submitted :—

"The present position in relation to projects included in the Extension and Development Programme 1974/75 as listed hereunder is as follows :—

##### *Dalkey Day Centre*

Our Lady's Hall, Dalkey, which has been adapted for use as a Day Centre to cater for elderly people at risk in the Dalkey

area will be put into operation in the immediate future upon completion of leasing arrangements. The lease will be long-term and generally will provide for a rent which will be sufficient to meet the normal overheads and running costs of the Hall.

This service will be operated as part of the Catchment Area Service being provided by the St. John of God Order.

*An Lar Day Centre, Bray*

The Board at its meeting held on the 1st February, 1973, adopted Report No. 5/1973 recommending the establishment of a Training/Rehabilitation Centre at An Lar, Dargle Road, Bray. At that time it was proposed to lease part of the premises on the basis of shared usage at an annual rent of £1,700. Defects subsequently discovered in the fabric of the building precluded completion of the original arrangement. Renovated and specially re-designed accommodation (area approximately 4,000 sq. feet) is now being provided for the exclusive use of the Board in the right-hand wing of the building and work is well advanced. The Chief Valuer, Dublin Corporation, has recommended an annual rent of £2,800 on the basis of a ten year tenancy. As an alternative to the above rent and to enable the lessors to meet capital deficit, it has been agreed, subject to the approval of the Board and the Department, to pay a sum of £8,000 on occupation and subsequent to completion of letting agreement and to pay a yearly rent of £1,700 for the first ten years of occupancy. The Finance Officer has confirmed that the revised terms are equally acceptable. The cost to the Board of this alternative over a period of ten years will, taking interest into account, be comparable to payment of a rent of £2,800 over the full period."

Following Mr. Keyes' reply to an enquiry from Councillor J. Durning as to when the Centres would be opened the following motion on a proposal by Councillor J. Sweeney, seconded by Councillor J. Durning was unanimously resolved as follows:

"That the proposals outlined in Report No. 34/1974 be adopted."

91/74 DETERMINATION OF STAFF COMPLEMENTS

The following Report No. 35/1974 from the Deputy Chief Executive Officer was submitted :—

"A detailed survey of the staffing structure of the Board has been completed recently and records compiled therefrom of staff complements by grade and location.

These records include a small number of offices and employments which were approved informally, pending the presentation of this report, but do not include some of those additional posts for which funds were provided in the Estimate of Expenses 1974 and which will be subject of separate reports seeking the consent of the Board. Similarly, certain of the additional posts., already authorised by the Board and awaiting the approval of the Minister for Health are not included.

I propose, with the consent of the Board to submit a classified summary of the staff groupings obtained from the survey to the Department of Health as representing the approved staff complements of the Eastern Health Board as determined on 1st June, 1974. A periodic review of the total staff complement will be required as well as a submission to the Board in that regard.

The figures, grouped into broad classifications, are as follows :—

<i>Classification</i>	<i>No.</i>
Administrative	721
Medical and Dental .....	424
Biochemistry and Physics	18
Nursing and Allied (General) .....	1,674
Nursina (Psychiatric) .....	1,021
Nursing (Other)	249
Para Medical .....	158
Caterina and Housekeeping	540
Maintenance	414
Others .....	351
TOTAL	5,570

After a short discussion, it was unanimously resolved on a proposal by Alderman A. Fitzgerald, seconded by Dr. P. C. Jennings as follows :—

"That the proposals outlined in Report No. 35/1974 be noted and approved."

#### 92/74 CREATION OF ADDITIONAL OFFICES

The following Report No. 36/1974 from the Deputy Chief Executive Officer was submitted :—

*"Community Care Services :*

Following discussions with the Programme Manager, Community Care Services, on his future staffing requirements,

outlined in the Expansion and Development Estimate for 1974 as adopted by the Board (Appendices A and B), I am satisfied that the following are the offices and employments most urgently required. They are additional to the numbers set out in the Determination of Staff Complements (Report No. 35/1974) and are provided for in the Estimate already mentioned :—

<i>No.</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
1	Section Officer	Development of services with Voluntary Organisations ; Home Help Service.
1	Assistant Section Officer	For the Programme Manager's Office.
1	Section Officer	
1	Clerical Officer	To set up Community Area-Office in Dun Laoghaire.
1	Clerk-Typist	
4	Receptionists	Clerical support for Asst. Supt. Public Health Nurses and Senior Social Workers.
1	Clerical Officer	For Supt. Assistance Officer in Kildare.
1	Clerical Officer	For Supt. Registrar's office in Kildare.
1	Social Worker	Advisory and referral service on Alcoholism for I.N.C.A.
1	Receptionist	
2	Clerical Officers	General Medical Services—increasing demand on services, limited eligibility scheme, long-term illness scheme ; increase in use of Health Centres by other services and community organisations.
1	Clerk-Typist	
2	Receptionists	
2	Porters	For new Health Centres at North Strand and Blanchardstown.
2	Cleaners	
2	Caretakers	
1	Clerical Officer	For work in connection with Birth notifications and increased work on Developmental Appointments System.
20	Public Health Nurses	To cope with increased work load of Public Health Nurses—home nursing has increased due to Choice-of-Doctor Scheme — increased demand for Child Health Services.
1	Public Health Nurse	Increased work load in Wicklow—Dunlavin area, population increasing and large area to be covered.
1	Assistant Section Officer	For Child Care Services and organisation and development of Social Worker service.



<i>No.</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
1	Senior Operative Disinfecting Depot	Increasing demand for disinfestation service due to expansion of housing development.
1	Driver Disinfecting Depot	
5	Operatives Disinfecting Depot	
1	Senior Dental Surgeon	Development of services in North Co. Dublin area.
1	Clerical Officer	For Chief Dental Surgeon's office—increase in work due to expansion of the service.
1	Clerk-Typist	For clerical duties in connection with dental sessions at night.
4	Home Assistance Inspectors	To provide one Home Assistant Inspector for each of the 8 Community Care areas in Dublin with overall responsibility for Home Assistance Services and supervision of Inquiry Officers engaged on Health Services.
3	Receptionists	Clerical duties for Senior Dental Surgeons.
2	Clerical Officers	Extension in services of Supt. Registrar's office, Pearse Street.

#### SUMMARY

2	Section Officers	
2	Asst. Section Officers	
9	Clerical Officers	
3	Clerk-Typists	
1	Social Worker	43 offices
21	Public Health Nurses	
1	Senior Dental Surgeon	
4	Home Assistance Inspectors	
10	Receptionists	
2	Porters	
2	Cleaners	
2	Caretakers	23 employments
1	Senior Operative Disinfecting Depot	
1	Driver, Disinfecting Depot	
5	Operatives, Disinfecting Depot	

I propose, with the consent of the Board, to seek the approval of the Minister for Health to the creation of the 43 offices set out above.

*Ambulance Services :*

The Radio/Telephone staffing for the Ambulance Service has remained at 3 Day Operators and 2 Night Operators since 1968 in spite of the large increase in the volume of calls arising from the additional vehicles operated by the Board and the ever-increasing demand for taxi services.

I propose with the consent of the Board to create one additional employment of Radio/Telephone Operator. While specific provision has not been made in the Estimate the additional cost of £900 in the current year can be absorbed."

The members welcomed this proposed recruitment of staff and on a proposal by Mr. H. P. Corrigan, seconded by Councillor M. Carroll, it was unanimously resolved as follows :—

"That the proposals outlined in Report No. 36/1974 be adopted."

The meeting terminated at 7.45 p.m.

CORRECT:

J. J. NOLAN,  
*Deputy Chief Executive Officer.*

Signed:

*Chairman.*