



## EASTERN HEALTH BOARD

Minutes of proceedings of Monthly Meeting  
held in the  
Boardroom, St Mary's Hospital, Chapelizod, Dublin 20  
on Thursday 4 September 1986 at 6 pm.

### *PRESENT*

Ald B Ahern	Mr F Beale
Dr J D Behan	Cllr O Bennett
Cllr B Briscoe TD	Cllr I Callely
Cllr M Carroll	Mrs D Clune
Cllr J Dillon-Byrne	Prof J S Doyle
Cllr P Dunne	Cllr B J Durkan TD
Mr P Finegan	Cllr E Fitzgerald
Cllr A Groome	Dr R Hawkins
Cllr P Hickey	Cllr F Hynes
Dr D I Keane	Dr P McCarthy
Cllr C Murphy	Dr B O'Herlihy
Cllr J Reilly	Cllr J Sweeney

### *APOLOGIES*

Mr N Andrews TD, Mrs B Bonar, Cllr Dr D Fitzpatrick  
Cllr W J Harvey, Dr M Henry, Mr D Kane

### *IN THE CHAIR*

Mrs D Clune

### *OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE*

Mr P B Segrave, Chief Executive Officer  
Mr K J Hickey, Programme Manager, General Hospital Care  
Mr F J Donohue, Programme Manager, Community Care  
Mr M Walsh, A/Programme Manager, Special Hospital Care  
Mr J F Reynolds, Finance Officer  
Mr J N McNee, Management Services Officer  
Mr L P Kavanagh, Personnel Officer  
Mr G Brennan, Technical Services Officer  
Prof B O'Donnell, Dublin Medical Officer of Health  
Mr S O'Brien, General Administrator, General Hospital Care  
Mr M J O'Connor, Senior Executive Officer, Secretariat

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**CONDOLENCES**

On the proposal off the Chairman, votes off sympathy were passed with the following:

- (i) Mr Brian Hargan, Surgeon, Naas General Hospital, on the death of his father.
- (ii) Ms Bemedette Mooney, Printing Department, 1 James's Street, on the death of her mother.
- (iii) Ms Mary Shannon, Laboratory Assistant, City Analyst's Laboratory, on the death of her father.

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**CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS**

The Chairman informed the members that it was proposed to hold a meeting of the Working Group on the Budget in St Mary's Hospital, on Tuesday 23 September 1986 at 11.30 am.

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**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 24 JULY 1986 AND OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 7 AUGUST 1986**

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on 24 July 1986, and of the monthly meeting held on 7 August 1986, having been circulated, were confirmed on a proposal by Cllr Hickey, seconded by Cllr Carroll.

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**QUESTIONS TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

On a proposal by Cllr Dunne, seconded by Cllr Carroll, it was agreed to answer the questions which has been lodged.

- (1) *Cllr I Callely*

'Could the Chief Executive Officer advise on the Board's view of the recent report dated April 1986, for "Care and Accommodation of Young People at Risk or Homeless in Dublin" drafted by a group of social workers and members of voluntary organisations?'

*Reply*

The Board's officers received the report on 25 July 1986 from the Chairperson of the group which prepared it. The Programme Manager, Community Care, met her on 8 August 1986 for preliminary discussion on its contents and recommendations. This report and others are being examined by the staff of Community Welfare and Social Work Services - with a view to producing proposals for integrating and improving the Hearth Board's services for homeless young persons, indicating an order of priorities, the role of voluntary organisations within the service and an estimate of the costs involved.

Further residential or day care development and applications for additional and new funding will be considered in the light of the report being prepared and of the finances available to the Board.

The proposals, as developed, will be tabled for consideration by the Board's Community Care Programme Committee.

(2) Cllr I *Callely*

'Could the Chief Executive Officer advise if the Board is satisfied with the facilities provided in St Dymphna's Hospital, North Circular Road, and could the Chief Executive Officer advise:

(a) the number of patients, day and short/long stay?

*Reply*

The number of patients seen per annum: 2,000 - 2,500  
 Number of in-patients per year 250 - 300.  
 There are no long stay patients.  
 Patients normally admitted for approximately four weeks.

(b) the number of bedrooms and the approximate number of persons per room?

*Reply*

Total of eight bedrooms.

Female	No. of persons per room
Bedroom 1	3
Bedroom 2	2
Bedroom 3	2
Bedroom 4	1 (detoxification - ground floor)

Male	No. of persons per room
Bedroom 5	5
Bedroom 6	4
Bedroom 7	4
Bedroom 8	3 (detoxification - ground floor)

(c) the type (ladies/gents) bathroom and toilet facilities?

*Reply*

Ladies	Gents
2 Bathrooms with showers 1 toilet downstairs.	3 Bathrooms with showers

(d) what visiting/private discussion rooms are available for patients and families?

*Reply*

The counsellors have portakabin offices at the back of St Dymphna's which are used as visiting rooms. In addition one sitting room and one lecture room are used for visitors.

(e) what recreational facilities are provided?

*Reply*

No special facilities.

- (f) Is there any lighting in the long driveway and what conditions are the gardens in?

*Reply*

There is one light in the driveway. The gardens are not in good condition and are an immediate priority in the plan for the comprehensive upgrading of the St Brendan's Hospital grounds.

The services provided from St pymphna's is under continuing review.

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

The Chief Executive Officer read the following report which was noted by the Board:

1. *Active Age Week, 28 September to 5 October 1986*  
 'Active Age Week 1986 has been arranged for the period 28 September to 5 October 1986. This year's programme has been extended to include Kildare and Wicklow. Details of the programme will be forwarded to members as soon as they are printed'.
2. *Report of Commission on Social Welfare*  
 'We have circulated a copy of the Report of the Commission on Social Welfare. The views of our Board on the Report have been requested by the Minister for Social Welfare. It may be that the Report could be considered by the Community Care Committee in the first instance'.
3. 'The Taoiseach, Dr Fitzgerald, is visiting County Kildare on next Monday 8 September and, with the agreement of the Chairman, proposes to make a short visit to Naas General Hospital'.
4. 'I have circulated an outline report of our Board's activities in the provision of support service within our general responsibility following the recent extensive flooding in parts of Bray and Donnybrook'.

Cllr Murphy stated that: he wished to place on record his congratulations and the gratitude of the people of Bray to the members of the Health Board's staff for the prompt way to which they had responded in meeting people's needs. Dr Hawkins stated that he wished to be associated with Cllr Murphy's remark.

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**GROUP PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE  
 IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD**

The following Report No. 14/1986 from the Chief Executive Officer was submitted.

Our Board, at its meeting held on 6 September 1984, agreed that cover under Scheme A should be arranged for members who are not members of local authorities.

Members may now wish to review their cover in accordance with the attached letter dated 31 July 1986 from the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

Following a discussion to which Hawkins, Cllrs Hynas, Durkan, Bricon and Ahern contributed, It was agreed to invite the General Manager of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. to meet the members of our Board to discuss this matter further.

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**PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PROGRAMME COMMITTEES**

(i) *General Hospital Care Committee*

On a proposal by Dr O'Herthy, seconded by Cllr Callely, It was agreed to adopt the Report.

(ii) *Special Hospital Care Committee*

On a proposal by Cllr Dunne, seconded by Cllr Dillon-Byrne, It was agreed to adopt the Report.

Cllr Durkan requested a report on the provision of services for patients from south Kildare who are maintained in St Dymphne's Hospital, Carlow.

Following a discussion on latter dated 12 August 1986 from the Law Agent regarding the Unit for Young Drug Offenders at Dundrum Cllr Dunne requested that, in the discussions with representatives of the Department of Justice, our Board should pursue a claim for recoupment of the cost of the now unit.

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**PROCEEDINGS OF LOCAL COMMITTEES**

The report of the meeting of the Wicklow Local Committee held on 18 July 1986, having been circulated, was, on a proposal by Dr Hawkins, seconded by Cllr Sweeney, noted.

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**NOTICES OF MOTION**

(i) The following motion was proposed by Cllr E Fitzgerald:

*'That this Board requests the Minister for Health to include Crohn's Disease as one of the illnesses in the Long-Term Illness Scheme'.*

The motion was seconded by Cllr Dillon-Byrne and following a discussion to which Cllrs Fitzgerald, Dillon-Byrne, Bricon Hynes, Callely and Murphy, Prof Doyle, Dr Hawkins, Dr O'Herthy and Dr Behan contributed, Cllr Fitzgerald agreed to accept an amendment proposed by Prof Doyle to add the words "*and Chronic Ulcerative Colitis*" after "*Disease*". The motion, as amended, was agreed.

On a proposal by Cllr Dunne the members agreed that a special meeting of the Community Care Committee should be held in the Boardroom, St Mary's Hospital, on Thursday 26 September 1986 at 6 pm to consider the General Medical Services and the Long-Term Illness Scheme.

(ii) The motion in the name of Cllr Dr Fitzpatrick was deferred to the October meeting.

(iii) The following motion was proposed by Cllr Dillon-Byrne:

*'That a no smoking policy be adopted for all meetings of this Health Board and of all its sub-committees'.*

The motion was seconded by Cllr Fitzgerald and, following a discussion to which Cllrs Dillon-Byrne, Fitzgerald, Briscoe and Carroll, Dr O'Herthy and Dr Behan contributed, was defeated on a show of hands.

(iv) The following motion was proposed by Cllr Dillon-Byrne:

*'That this Board request the Community Care Director, Area 1, to consider the option of providing comprehensive family/mother health care service at the new health centre at Loughlinstown. That consideration be given to having ante-natal and post-natal care, breast examination, smear testing and complete check-up services'.*

The motion was seconded by Cllr Fitzgerald and, following a discussion to which Cllrs Dillon-Byrne, Fitzgerald and Dunne and Dr. Hawkins contributed, and to which Mr Donohue, Programme Manager, Community Care Service, replied, was agreed.

(v) The following motion was proposed by Cllr Callely:

*'That this Board having regard to recent closures, proposed services, existing services, receives a detailed written comprehensive report of "casualty, accident and emergency services"- that service the needs of the population of Dublin'.*

The motion was seconded by Dr Hawkins. Following a discussion to which Cllr Callely and Dr Hawkins contributed, and to which Mr Hickey, Programme Manager, General Hospital Care Service, replied, it was agreed that the report should be submitted to the General Hospital Programme Committee in the first instance.

(vi) The following motion was proposed by Cllr Callely:

*'That this Board sets up a one-stop information/public relations/advice office to help assist the general public with the Eastern Health Board services'.*

The motion was seconded by Dr Hawkins and, following a discussion to which Cllr Callely, Dr Hawkins, Cllr Fitzgerald contributed, and to which the Chief Executive Officer replied, it was agreed that the terms of the motion should be listed for consideration by the Community Care Programme Committee.

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## CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

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## OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Dunne requested that the ambulances operated by our Board, especially the Cardiac Units, should be identified as Eastern Health Board ambulances.

The meeting concluded at 9 pm.

CORRECT: P B Segrave  
Chief Executive Officer

  
CHAIRMAN