

## EASTERN HEALTH BOARD

Minutes of proceedings of Monthly Meeting  
held in  
Board Room, St Mary's Hospital, Chapelizod, Dublin 20  
on Thursday 8 January 1987 at 6 pm

### *PRESENT*

<p>Ald B Ahern TD Mr F Beale Cllr O Bennett Cllr B Briscoe TD Cllr M Carroll Cllr P De Rossa TD Prof J S Doyle. Cllr B J Durkan TD Cllr E Fitzgerald Cllr A Groome Dr R Hawkins Cllr P Hickey Dr D I Keane Prof J McCormick Dr B O'Herlihy Cllr J Sweeney</p>	<p>Mr N Andrews TD Dr J D Behan Mrs B Bonar Cllr I Callely Mrs D Clune Cllr J Dillon-Byrne Cllr P Dunne Mr P Finegan Cllr Dr D Fitzpatrick Cllr W J Harvey Dr M Henry Cllr F Hynes Dr P McCarthy Cllr C Murphy Cllr J Reilly</p>
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### *IN THE CHAIR*

Mrs D Clune

### *OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE*

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

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**CONDOLENCES**

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

1. Dr Patrick Quinn, Director of Community Care, Dun Laoghaire, on the death of his mother.
2. Ms Vera Cooke, Assistant Section Officer, Receipts Unit, on the death of her mother.
3. The family of Nurse Patrick Cash, Newcastle Hospital.

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**CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS**

The Chairman read the following report which was noted by the Board:

The following items are intended for noting by members for information purposes and not for debate:

(i) *Chief Executive Officer*

I intended to advise Board members at the December meeting to the effect that our Chief Executive Officer, Mr Barry Segrave, went on sick leave from 1 December 1986 until at least the end of February 1987. Mr Hickey has been appointed as Deputy Chief Executive Officer in his absence. I am sure Board members will wish to join me in sending good wishes to Mr Segrave for a speedy recovery and in wishing him good health for 1987.

(ii) *Special Board Meetings*

The dates of the special meetings decided on by our Board have been fixed as follows:

Resocialisation Project special meeting in committee at 6.00 pm on Thursday 29 January 1987.

Department of Health statement on Health Policy special meeting at 6.00 pm on Thursday 19 February 1987.

(iii) *Working Group on the Budget*

The next meeting of this group will be held on Wednesday 28 January 1987 at 11.00 am.

(iv) *Official Openings*

The following two official openings will be performed jointly by the Minister for Health and the Chairman:

12 January 1987 at 12.00 noon — new 20 bed unit at Clonskeagh

16 January 1987 at 3.00 pm — new unit for Young Chronic Sick, 'Cuan Aoibheann', St Mary's Hospital. Phoenix Park.

(v) *Central Mental Hospital Dundrum*

At our December meeting I informed members that a response was awaited from the Department of Health to our request for a meeting with the Minister regarding the new Unit at Central Mental Hospital, Dundrum.

The Minister for Health has spoken to the Minister for Justice yesterday and proposed that a joint visit should take place to the Central Mental Hospital in the immediate future. The Minister for Justice agreed to consider this proposal and we are now awaiting information regarding the arrangements.

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#### MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 18 DECEMBER 1986

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 18 December 1986, having been circulated, were confirmed on a proposal by Cllr Callely, seconded by Cllr Carroll. Dr Behan asked that his dissent with some sections of the minutes be noted and said that he would submit his observation in writing.

(a) *Matters arising from the Minutes*

Cllr Sweeney referred to the item on page 177 regarding the Working Group on the Budget and to the Working Group's recommendation to the Board that a meeting be sought with the Minister for Health to discuss our Board's allocation for non-capital health expenditure for 1987. His proposal, which was seconded by Cllr Dunne, that the Working Group seek a meeting with the Minister was agreed.

Cllr Fitzgerald referred to the item on page 188 regarding the information on AIDS which had been received from the Department of Health and suggested that a co-ordinated response was needed in the Eastern Health Board area.

Following a discussion to which Dr Henry, Prof McCormick, Mrs Bonar, Dr O'Herlihy, Cllr Briscoe and Cllr Dunne contributed. Prof O'Donnell, Dublin Medical Officer of Health, informed the members that he was Chairman of a Working Group that had been established by the Chief Executive Officer to advise on the epidemiological and service responses required in relation to AIDS. This Working Group was already dealing with the need for co-ordination in our Board's area. He also advised the members that the Department of Health was coordinating, on a national basis, the measures to combat the spread of AIDS.

Dr Behan referred to item 135/86 relating to his motion regarding the Resocialisation Project and stated that he intended to extend the number and type of charges which he had already made and that the holding of the special meeting of the Board in committee was unacceptable to him, that required the facility to examine witnesses (he intended to bring 50 witnesses to the Board meeting) and that he would be seeking facilities for disclosure of documents also.

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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 had been lodged.

(i) *Cllr I Callely*

'Can the Chief Executive Officer list the agencies, voluntary associations or groups that the Board/Department fund to counsel, assist and care for children. What allocation is given to each agency and what percentage of their budget does it contribute to. What area of need do the agencies cover and what is the co-ordination, co-operation and communication between the agencies?'

## Reply

The agencies, voluntary associations or groups that our Board funds to counsel, assist and care for children are listed hereunder together with payments made in 1985. In the case of residential homes and hostels the majority are paid on the basis of budgets for net expenditure agreed with our Board and the remainder are paid by way of capitation payments at rates approved by the Minister. Payments to Day Nurseries are 70% of the running costs or the annual deficit whichever is the lesser: balances are made up through patients' contributions, supplementary welfare and fund raising. Payments to Special Schools are towards the cost of child care aspects and supply of meals. Organisations providing general family and child care services are paid grants in aid at varying amounts following examination of their financial needs. Payments to foster parents are made on the basis of approved allowances.

Our Board co-ordinates the work of these various agencies, who are providing services for children in its care, through regular communication between them and both the staffs of the community care teams and the community care programme's central administrative staffs.

Officers of our Board involved immediately in the provision of services for individual children are, of course, in continuing, day to day, communication with these agencies.

## RESIDENTIAL HOMES FOR CHILDREN

	1985 Payments	
Cottage Home	150,000	
Mrs Smyly's	104,285	
Madonna House	622,500	
St Anne's	68,000	
Grange - Bartres	84,221	
Cualann	74,400	
Kirwan House	12,342	
Miss Carr's	96,642	
Lakelands	176,045	
St Clare's, Harold's Cross, La Verna		
Kenilworth	145,812	
St Vincent's, Goldenbridge	193,641	
St Anne's, Charleville Road	48,119	
Blaithin	94,401	
Cor Unum	61,217	
Grianin	87,419	
Sacred Heart Home	262,478	
St Vincent's, North William Street	108,648	
St Kryan's, Rathdrum	348,753	
Los Angeles	125,661	
Don Bosco	99,228	
Trudder House	142,800	
Derralossary House	105,600	
(i) <i>Total budget payments:</i>	<hr/>	
	3,212,262	3,212,262

St Joseph's, Clonmel	83,700	
St Laurence's, Finglas	53,200	
St Michael's, Finglas	7,200	
St Saviour's, Dominic Street	22,600	
Cuan Mhuire	3,600	
Boarding Schools	26,300	
(ii) <i>Total capitation payments</i>	<u>196,600</u>	196,600

## HOSTELS

	1985 Payments	
Hope	68,000	
Sherrard House	22,500	
St Ann's, Sean McDermott Street	17,100	
Sarsfield House	18,850	
<i>Total</i>	<u>126,450</u>	126,450

## DAY NURSERIES AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS

Dun Laoire (Dominican)	7,727
Dun Laoire (Epworth Centre)	24,043
Ballybrack	19,400
Monkstown	7,368
Miss Carr's	25,000
Maryland (Civics Institute)	30,000
Liberty Creche	19,300
Cork St. (Family Resource Centre)	16,000
St Andrew's	9,600
Dr Barnardo's	34,369
Killinarden	4,292
Ballyfermot – St Vincent's	26,694
Ballyfermot - Seven Oaks	8,289
Rowlagh (Church Premises)	4,000
Rowlagh (New Health Centre)	23,000
Goldenbridge - Day Nursery	19,190
Finglas - Wellmount	8,300
Henrietta Street	27,526
Dr Barnardo's, Blanchardstown	25,326
St Helena's, Finglas	26,214
Civics Institute	45,000
North William Street - St Louise	15,613
Ballymun - Our Lady's	20,000
Ballymun – Day Nursery	32,000
Bonnybrook	19,684
Darndale	38,000
Edenmore	30,070
Grange/Kildonagh	2,921

Kilmore	14,165	
Killester	8,283	
Donaghmede (Mead)	15,503	
Kilbarrack/Foxfield	6,000	
Kilallen	300	
Newbridge, St Anne's	2,000	
St Anne's, Milltown	4,250	
St Mary's School, Tallagt	3,210	
St Peter's School, Neilstown	476	
Dr Bernardo's (Bus)	3,200	
St Joseph's and Avila Park, Finglas	5,050	
Huntstown	2,750	
Child Care, North William St	2,608	
St Margaret's, Balcurris	1,895	
St Vincent de Paul, Priorswood	4,250	
Athy Travellers Club	5,008	
<b>Total</b>	<b>647,874</b>	<b>647,874</b>
<b>GENERAL FAMILY &amp; CHILD CARE SERVICES</b>		
ISPCC	120,000	
Dr Bernardo's	37,400	
Dublin Committee for Travelling People Exchange Street	165,000	
Great Strand Street	95,000	
National Council for Travelling People		
St Kieran's, Bray	15,000	
St Declan's, Milltown	8,000	
St Thomas's, Clonshaugh	8,000	
Irish Pre-School Playgroups Association	17,100	
Ally	7,500	
Cherish	17,800	
Cura	9,300	
Denny House	42,600	
Federation of Services for Unmarried Parents	6,800	
Daughters of Charity Belmont Avenue	10,600	
Protestant Adoption & Counselling Service	12,400	
Catholic Protection & Rescue Society	30,000	
	<b>602,500</b>	<b>602,500</b>
Payments to foster parents	975,000	975,000

**Number of foster parents:**

(i) Long-term	352
(ii) Short-term	70
(iii) Day	15
<i>Total</i>	<u>437</u>

**(ii) Cllr I Callely**

'Could the Chief Executive Officer advise of the Health Education Bureau total budget and an itemised breakdown of all campaign funding for its last audit financial year?'

**Reply**

The Health Education Bureau is a separate corporate body established by the Minister for Health. Our Board has no function in relation to the management or operation of the Bureau.

**(iii) Cllr P De Rossa, TD**

'To ask in regard to James Connolly Memorial Hospital:

- (1) When is it proposed to include representatives of non-nursing staff on the Hospitals Board.
- (2) If there are proposals to 'contract out' the catering services in the Hospital, and if so, on what grounds.
- (3) When proposals for future development of the hospital win be implemented, in particular, the promised maternity and paediatric units will be established'.

**Reply**

'The following information has been obtained from the Department of Health and Secretary/Manager of the Hospital:

- 1) Proposals for the re-structuring of the James Connolly Memorial Hospital Board, to take account of its present and future role are being considered at present by the Minister for Health.
- 2) There are no proposals to 'contract out' the catering services in the hospital.
- 3) A planning brief for development of the hospital has been submitted to the Minister for Health and is being examined by his Department'.

**(iv) Cllr P De Rossa, TD**

'To ask the Board to state if it has a complete list of homes for the aged in its area, how many are there, if they all have been inspected in relation to implementing the new regulations, the extent to which such homes have complied with these regulations, and how many of them have complied fully with them to date'.

**Reply**

Persons operating private nursing homes are required under the Homes for Incapacitated Persons Regulations to notify our Board of such operation. Our Board maintains a complete list of homes in operation in its area.

Listed hereunder is a breakdown of private nursing homes by Community Care Areas. All homes have been inspected and the results can be seen below.

<i>Community Care Area</i>	<b>Private Nursing Home Regulations</b>			<i>New Homes nearing completion</i>
	<i>In process of complying</i>	<i>Fully complying</i>	<i>Total</i>	
1	14	--	14	3
2	4	1	5	--
3	7	1	8	--
4	2	--	2	--
5	4	1	5	1
6	1	--	1	--
7	7	--	7	--
8	3	1	4	--
9	4	2	6	--
10	11	14	25	1
	57	20	77	5

Those homes listed as being in the process of complying are at various stages of completion. Necessary structural alterations are required in some cases and these will take some time to complete'.

(v) *Dr J D Behan*

'To ask the Chief Executive Officer to list the senior management structure of the Board stating, in respect of each office, position and function listed.

- (a) the correct designation of the office or position;
- (b) the holder;
- (c) whether currently filled on a permanent or acting basis and, if the latter, since when;
- (d) the functions of the office and the duties of the holder;
- (e) the respective dates on which each office was created and filled;
- (f) by whom it was created;
- (g) the respective dates on which each such office was sanctioned by the Health Board and the Department of Health, including in the answer, the office and functions of Mr J McNee, the Management Services Officer, and showing also
- (h) the date on which Mr T P Keyes, the Programme Manager, Special Hospital Care went on secondment, whether and when Mr Keyes is resuming office or resigning, the nature of Mr M Walsh's tenure of the position of acting Programme Manager and whether the Chief Executive Officer has safeguarded against the acting incumbent obtaining rights of permanency or otherwise by default of being left in situ beyond eleven months without recourse to a special contract or to advertisement of

**the vacant position, and whether, if the permanent holder is resigning, the Chief Executive Officer intends notifying the Board to enable the Board to deliberate on whether and how to fill the said post.**

*(please see overleaf)*

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)		(f)	(g)	
OFFICE	HOLDER	CURRENT POSITION	FUNCTIONS/DUTIES	CREATED/FILLED		BY WHOM CREATED	SANCTIONED BY HEALTH BOARD/DEPT HEALTH	
Chief Executive Officer	Mr B Segrave	Mr K Hickey, deputising since 1.12.86.	As per Health Act 1970	1.10.70	3.11.80	Dail Eireann		27.8.70
Programme Manager Community Care	Mr F Donohua	-	Functions and duties as the CEO may from time to time determine.	1.4.71	13.12.72	Minister for Health	7.1.71	29.3.71
Programme Manager Special Hospital Care	MrTKayes	Mr M Walsh, acting since 1.2.86	do.	do.	1.4.74	do.	do.	do.
Programme Manager General Hospital Care	Mr K Hickey	Mr S O'Brien, acting since 1.12.86.	do.	do.	1.9.81	do.	do.	5.3.71
Finance Officer	Mr J Reynolds		do.	do.	1.4.71	do.	do.	12.3.71
Personnel Officer	Mr L Kavanagh		do.	do.	2.3.82	do.	do.	5.3.71
Technical Servs Officer	Mr G Brennan		do.	do.	1.10.82	do.	do.	29.3.71
Planning & Evaluation/ Management Services Officer	Mr N McNee		do.	do.	1.4.83 and re-designated on 10.8.82.	do.	do.	do.
Medical Officer of Health	Prof B O'Donnell		do.	1.2.73	1.4.77	do.		1.2.73

- (h) As this part of the question appears to be in breach of Standing Orders because of the personal imputation implied in it, I do not propose to answer it in the format in which it is posed. However, I would refer to the Chief Executive Officer's statement at the December 1985 meeting of our Board regarding Mr Keyes' absence for a period of one year and his appointment of Mr M Walsh as Acting Programme Manager for that period, Mr Keyes' period of secondment commenced on 1 February 1986, and has not yet expired.

**(vi) Dr J D Behan**

**'In respect of the Board's total expenditure and account therefore, to ask the Chief Executive Officer to state:**

- (a) the total income and expenditure by the Board in each year since 1981 to date, showing also details of capital and revenue**
- (b) when the finalised accounts for said expenditure in each year were or will be completed**
- (c) the dates on which such finalised expenditure accounts for each year were furnished:**
  - (i) to the Board (and if not why not)**
  - (ii) to the Board's Auditor**
  - (iii) to the Local Government Auditor**
- (d) what remarks in respect of each set of accounts were made by:**
  - (i) The Board's Auditor**
  - (ii) the Local Government Auditor**
  - (iii) the Comptroller and Auditor General**
- (e) what facilities exist for the Board or members to obtain and inspect copies of the said accounts'.**

*(please see overleaf)*

## FINAL ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER

		1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
		£	£	£	£	£
(a)	Gross Revenue					
	Expenditure	133,596,970	160,103,098	173,682,377	190,249,637	206,414,722
	Gross Revenue Income	7,681,603	9,897,784	10,465,455	12,696,152	11,858,552
	Capital Payments	2,696,781	4,147,284	4,064,441	5,829,792	5,982,726
	Capital Receipts	1,775,758	4,288,299	3,278,100	3,913,577	6,665,098
(b)	Date Completed	April 1983	December 1983	January 1985	February 1986	January 1987
(c)	Furnished to Local Government Auditor	April 1983	December 1983	January 1985	February 1986	_____
(d)	Remarks by Local Government Auditor	See Attached		Audit not completed	Audit not completed	_____
	Comptroller and Auditor General	Nil	Nil	_____	_____	_____

- (e) The Local Government Auditor is required by the Health Act 1970 to present the Abstract of Accounts, as audited, to the Minister for Health. The Board's accounts are not audited other than by the Local Government Auditor. It has not been the practice to formally submit the audited Abstract of Accounts to our Board. Particulars of the out-turn for the previous year are presented to our Board annually with the estimates for the following year. Copies of the audited Abstracts of Accounts are available to Board members at any time

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITORS REMARKS ON ABSTRACTS OF  
ACCOUNTS FOR YEARS 1981 AND 1982**

The Abstracts of Accounts for 1981 and 1982 were reported on at the same time and the following qualifications were included in same by the Auditor:

- A. There were significant weaknesses in the accounting and control arrangements for the payment of Supplementary Welfare Allowances. In addition, the procedures adopted for claiming refunds from the Department of Social Welfare, of overlapping supplementary benefits paid by the Board, did not provide for an acceptable level of central and independent control and confirmation that all refunds were accounted for.
- B. The form of voucher adopted in support of claims paid by the Board, under the terms of the limited Eligibility (Refund of Cost of Drugs, Medicines and Appliances) Scheme, is exceptionally deficient in the matter of providing the type of information and supporting documentation needed to vouch the authenticity and accuracy of claims submitted for refunds. The refund claim voucher does not include information, either from the pharmacist or the prescribing doctor, regarding essential details (quantity, type, cost) of the items dispensed. An adaptation, by the Eastern Health Board, of claiming arrangements for special cases represented a further control weakness.
- C. There was an absence in central and hospital pharmacies of auditable accounting and control records, independent stocktakings and stock checks.
- D. There was a significant imbalance between the Board's computer records of payroll deductions (PAYE, PRSI, VHI etc.) and the amounts paid over to the outside bodies concerned. The net overall figure of imbalance in the deduction accounts came to around £300,000 as at 31 December 1981, and £280,000 as at 31 December 1982.
- E. The Board's Payments Section is exclusively responsible for the issue of both general and payroll cheques, the main bank account reconciliation processes, and the custody and control of stocks of cheque stationery. The non-dispersal of these functions and their exclusive control by the Payments Section is inconsistent with the achievement of security and effective internal control.
- F. The absence of a double entry Creditors' Ledger System raised uncertainty with regard to the accuracy of the figures included in the accounts for creditors balances and accruals.
- G. Sums totalling £137,638, due by the Board to patients, require to be reinstated in the Patient's Property Accounts'.

(vi) *Dr J D Behan*

'In relation to leave by officers of the Board (other than annual or sick leave) to ask the Chief Executive Officer to give details of all leave in each year since 1981 and travel by all officers of the Board showing the nature and purpose of such leave, whether for conference, education, study, inspection of facilities and services or projects and showing in respect of each such leave the cost to the Board for travel and subsistence, if any'.

Reply

The provision of the information in the detail sought in this question would involve an inordinate amount of time and expense given the fact that our Board employs almost 5,000 officer staff.

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#### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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

'The Dublin Major Accident Plan was brought into operation following the explosion and collapse of flats at Raglan House, Ballsbridge on the morning of 1 January 1987. Ambulances were despatched to the scene and hospitals alerted and within the first hour fifty beds were available between the two South City hospitals on call i.e. St Vincent's and the Meath. Back up beds would have been available at St James's, the Adelaide and St Columcille's Hospitals.

On the North City side the Mater, Jervis Street and James Connolly Memorial Hospitals were also on full alert by the end of the first hour.

The entire Ambulance Service was on full alert, manned and ready for duty. This included back-up vehicles from Kildare and from the North Eastern Health Board Control and Military Ambulance Control.

Our Board's Medical Team Carrier, manned by a team from St James's Hospital also went to the scene to assist with any casualties who might have been trapped in the ruins of the building.

As it appeared that few, if any, casualties would emerge from the incident, a progressive stand down of the Major Accident Plan took place. Our Board's Director of Community Care for the area and also a Superintendent Community Welfare Officer were in attendance at the scene.

I am happy to report that all relevant health services i.e. hospital, ambulance and welfare services were in a position to fully meet their commitments in relation to this major emergency'.

Cllr Briscoe offered his congratulations to the Health Board staff and services which had come into effect and stated that they provided a very valuable service to those injured and left homeless following the explosion.

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**BEAUMONT HOSPITAL BOARD**

The following Report No. 1/87 from the Deputy Chief Executive Officer was submitted:

*\*We have been notified by the Department of Health in letter dated 5 December 1986 that the Minister for Health has determined that 20 January 1987 shall be the commissioning day for Beaumont Hospital and that the proposed reconstituted Hospital Board should include two nominees from our Board, together with one nominee of the Board of Governors of St Laurence's Hospital, one nominee of the Committee of Management of Jervis Street Hospital and one nominee of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, a local representative, a representative of the Department of Health, a staff representative and Ministerial appointees.*

The views of our Board on the proposed composition are sought by the Minister, as a matter of urgency. We have also been requested to forward our Board's nominations for appointment to the new Hospital Board.

The present Beaumont Hospital Board consists of sixteen members. Nine of the members are appointed by the Minister for Health on a nomination basis, as follows:

*Two on the nomination of the Eastern Health Board (Prof J S Doyle and Mr K J Hickey)*

*Three on the nomination of the Board of Governors of St Laurence's Hospital*

*Three on the nomination of the Committee of Management of the Charitable Infirmary, Jervis Street.*

*One on the nomination of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.*

The remaining seven members are appointed directly by the Minister.

In 1977, when the pre-commissioning Board was being appointed, our Board submitted a request to the Minister for Health for five representatives on the Hospital Board. In discussions with representatives of our Board and of the other hospitals involved, the Minister indicated that the restriction of our Board's representatives to two members would not prejudice adequate representation for our-Board when the Management Board for the new hospital was under consideration.

At its meeting in December 1983, our Board adopted Report No. 20/1983 dealing with the composition of the proposed Management Board.

The Minister for Health subsequently met a deputation from our Board in March 1984 to discuss, inter alia, the composition of the Beaumont Hospital Board.

Following a discussion to which the Chairman, Dr O'Herlthty, Mrs Bonar, Dr Hawkins, Cllr Hynes, Dr Behan, Prof Doyle, Cllr Dunne, Dr Henry, Cllr Callely, Prof McCormick, Cllr Durkan, Cllr Murphy, Dr McCarthy, Cllr Mrs Dillon-Byrne, Deputy Andrews contributed, Mr K J Hickey and Prof J S Doyle were nominated for appointment by the Minister to the new Board of Beaumont Hospital.

With regard to the composition of the Board the following views were expressed:

- (1) The Eastern Health Board should have more than two nominees on the Beaumont Hospital Board.
- (2) The places on the Board for one nominee of the Board of Governors of St Laurence's Hospital and one nominee of the Committee of Management of Jervis Street Hospital should fall to the Eastern Health Board when these hospitals have been closed.
- (3) Reference was made to the request of our Board in 1977 when the Pre commissioning Board were being appointed, for five representatives for the Eastern Health Board on the Hospital Board and to the discussions at that time with representatives of our Board and of the other hospitals involved at which the Minister indicated that the restriction of our Board's representatives to two members would not prejudice adequate representation for our Board when the Management Board of the Hospital was under consideration.

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#### TEMPORARY BORROWING

The following Report No. 2/17 from Deputy Chief Executive Officer was submitted:

'I request the Board's approval to temporary borrowing by way of overdraft accommodation of £7m during the month of January 1987'.

On a proposal by Cllr Hickey, seconded by Cllr Hynes, it was agreed to adopt the proposal contained in the report.

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#### TOBACCO (HEALTH PROTECTION) BILL 1986

Following a discussion on the Tobacco (Health Protection) Bill 1986 and the explanatory and financial memorandum, copies of which had been circulated, to which Mr Beale, Prof McCormick, Mrs Bonar and Cllr Dunne contributed, it was agreed to establish the cost of the additional staff required to carry out inspections and advise the Department of Health of our requirements. It was also agreed to inform the Department of Health of the special situation which exists in Psychiatric Hospitals in relation to the dispensing of cigarettes to patients.

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#### POISONS (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1986

Following a discussion on the Poisons (Amendment) Regulations, 1986, copies of which had been circulated, to which Dr Hawkins, Cllr Dillon-Byrne Cllr Dunne, and Mrs Bonar contributed, and to which Prof O'Donnell replied the members welcomed the Regulations and asked that the additions, resources required to monitor their enforcement should be notified to the Department of Health.

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**PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PROGRAMME COMMITTEES****(i) *General Hospital Care Programme Committee***

On a proposal by Dr O'Herlthy, seconded by Cllr Sweeney, it was agreed to adopt the reports.

The progress reports dealt with the following matters:

- (i) Schedule of Programme Committee meetings for 1987.
- (ii) Progress report on the Psychiatric Unit and the Development Control Plan for Naas General Hospital.
- (iii) Services provided in St Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown.
- (iv) Progress Report on the development of the new out-patients' department and operating theatre suite at St Columcille's Hospital.
- (v) A report on the Young Chronic Sick Unit, St Mary's Hospital, which would be officially opened on 16 January 1987.
- (vi) A report on regulations issued by the Department of Labour in relation to the EEC Directive on Major Accident Hazards of certain industrial activities.
- (vii) A report on visit to Beaumont Hospital and meeting with members of the Beaumont Hospital Board on 2 December 1986.

**(ii) *Special Hospital Care Programme Committee***

On a proposal by Cllr Groome, seconded by Cllr Sweeney, it was agreed to adopt the reports.

The progress reports dealt with the following matters:

- (i) Meeting held in Newcastle Hospital on 13 November 1986 at which the draft report on 'Mental Handicap Services — Proposals for Change' was considered.
- (ii) Service report on Newcastle Hospital.
- (iii) Special meeting of the Committee held in the Central Mental Hospital Dundrum on 12 November 1986 at which the position regarding the new unit was considered.

**(iii) *Community Care Programme Committee***

On a proposal by Cllr Dunne, seconded by Cllr Carroll, it was agreed to adopt the report.

The progress report dealt with the following matters:

- (i) Special meeting held on 12 November 1986 to consider the General Medical Services.

- (ii) Special meetings held on 7 and 14 November 1986 to consider primary health care.
- (iii) Meeting held in Community Care Area 5 (Cherry Orchard Hospital) on 27 November 1986 to consider a report on services in Area 5.
- (iv) Supplementary Welfare Allowance, Christmas bonus, EEC Equal Treatment Legislation, National Fuel Scheme 1986/1987, financial assistance for the victims of flooding, services for the homeless, and disposal of property at Clane and Johnstown-Bridge.

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**PROCEEDINGS OF LOCAL COMMITTEES**

The report of the meeting of Dublin County Local Committee held on 11 December 1986, having been circulated, was, on a proposal by Cllr Dunne, seconded by Cllr Hickey, noted.

Motions relating to the following matters were agreed at the meeting:

- (i) Recommending that the Eastern Health Board call on the Minister to make fuel vouchers available (free) in the county area as well as in the city area.
- (ii) Recommending to the Government that, in the preparation of the Budget, amounts be included to cover
  - (a) equalisation of fuel scheme between city and county
  - (b) optical and dental benefits for women working in the home.
- (iii) Recommending that the Eastern Health Board urge the Minister to abolish the installation charge for old age pensioners' telephones.

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**NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

The notice of motion in the name of Cllr Callely regarding accident and emergency services at Beau Hospital was, at his request, deferred to the February meeting of our Board.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

The meeting concluded at 8.00 pm

**CORRECT: K J Hickey**  
Deputy Chief Executive Officer

  
Chairman