

EASTERN HEALTH BOARD

**Minutes of proceedings of Monthly Meeting
held in
The Boardroom, Dr. Steevens' Hospital, Dublin 8
on Thursday 4th November, 1993 at 6:00 p.m.**

Present

Mr. P. Aspell	Cllr. M. Barrett
Mrs. B. Bonar	Cllr. G. Brady
Cllr. B. Briscoe. T.D.	Cllr. E. Byrne
Cllr. I. Callely. T.D.	Cllr. J. Connolly
Sen. J. Doyle	Cllr. B. Durkan T.D.
Cllr. R. Greene	Dr. R. Hawkins
Dr. D.I. Keane	Cllr. T. Keenan
Cllr. D. Marren	Mr. G. McGuire
Cllr. O. Mitchell	Ms. M. Nealon
Cllr. Dr. W. O'Connell	Dr. B. O'Herlihy
Dr. J. Reilly	Sen. D. Roche
Cllr. K. Ryan	Cllr. R. Shortall. T.D.
Dr. R. Whitty	

Apologies

Dr. M. Wrigley
Dr. J. Fennell
Dr. R. Corcoran

In the Chair

Cllr. Ken Farrell

Officers in Attendance

Mr. K. J. Hickey. Chief Executive Officer
Mr. M. Walsh. Programme Manager. Special Hospital Care
Mr. J. Doyle. A/Programme Manager. Community Care
Mr. S. O'Brien. A/Programme Manager. General Hospital Care
Prof. B. O'Donnell. Dublin Medical Officer of Health
Mr. G. Brennan. Technical Services Officer
Ms. M. Gallagher. Finance Officer
Ms. M. Kelly. A/Personnel Officer
Mr. M. O'Connor. Secretary

**111/1993
CONDOLENCES**

On the proposal of the Chairman votes of sympathy were passed with:-

- Mrs. Catherine Brosnan. Community Welfare Officer. Coolock. on the death of her husband.
- Ms. Teresa Brennan, Accounts Department, on the death of her father.
- Ms. Catherine Deane, Finance Department and Ms. Barbara O'Connell. Choice of Doctor Section, on the death of their father.
- Mrs. T.P. O'Mahoney. Matron. Cherry Orchard Hospital, on the death of her sister.

**112/1993 CHAIRMAN'S
BUSINESS**

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

"December Meeting of the Board.

With the members agreement It Is proposed that the December meeting of our Board will be held on Thursday. 16th December. 1993 from 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m."

**113/1993
CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 7TH
OCTOBER, 1993**

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 7th October, 1993, having been circulated, were confirmed on a proposal by Deputy Callely, seconded by Dr. O'Herlihy.

**114/1993
QUESTIONS TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

On a proposal by Deputy Callely. Seconded by Cllr. Barrett, it was agreed to answer the questions which had been lodged.

"1. Cllr. L Callely, T.D.

To ask the Chief Executive Officer if he will outline the latest statistics available on the number and breakdown of HIV/AIDS cases. Will the Chief Executive Officer give comparison statistics for the last five years, outline the spread of HTV/AIDS in Ireland compared to our European counterparts. Is the Chief Executive Officer satisfied with the AIDS awareness campaign, the free needle exchange, free condoms, the outreach programmes, etc. and what other measures could be introduced to prevent any further escalation and spread of HTV/AIDS?

Reply

The latest figures available from the Department of Health to the end of September 1993 are set out below. There have been 50 newly diagnosed cases of AIDS in the first nine months of 1993 and 27 deaths.

The numbers of new cases of AIDS and of deaths from AIDS in the last five years are as follows:

	New Cases	Death	Positive HIV Tests
1988	38	9	115
1989	51	15	116
1990	61	26	112
1991	71	21	136
1992	50	42	157
The first 9 months of 1993	50	27	108

An international comparison of AIDS cases shows Ireland as ranking 11th among the 12 E.C. Member States at a rate of 1.80 per 100.000 population.

1.	Spain	10.40	7.	Germany	2.40
2.	France	8.20	8.	U.K.	2.35
3.	Italy	5.90	9.	Belgium	2.24
4.	Denmark	4.10	10.	Portugal	2.22
5.	Luxembourg	3.00	11.	Ireland	1.80
6.	Netherlands	2.80	12.	Greece	1.50

AIDS awareness campaigns are co-ordinated by the Health Promotion Unit of the Department of Health and are backed up by local education initiatives undertaken by our Board's public health staff, outreach workers and HIV counsellors. Information suggests that the level of knowledge of AIDS is quite high amongst the general population but that this does not always translate into changing behaviour. A more comprehensive education programme needs to be developed, not just at secondary school level, but also at primary school level.

The HIV statistics furnished by the Department of Health show that IV drug abusers represent 51% of the total. Eight needle exchange programmes are currently operated by our Board and these have resulted in a diminution of needle sharing amongst those attending. Condoms are also available for those attending clinics who are at risk. It is impossible to quantify the benefit of this to the public health until more reliable HIV transmission data is available. Experience to date has shown that needle sharing behaviour is easier to change than sexual behaviour.

With regard to the other measures which could be introduced to prevent any further escalation of the spread of the HIV virus it is necessary that the network of existing community-based clinics should be expanded. There is a waiting list particularly for drug treatment, at each clinic. One outcome of the development of the community-based clinics has been the clarification of the unmet need in terms of drug treatment which has existed in Dublin. As well as methadone maintenance treatment a full range of treatment options is - available for drug users, including drug-free options, such as detoxification and rehabilitation through the Soilse programme.

2. Cllr. I Callely, T.D.

To ask the Chief Executive Officer if he will advise what factors are taken into consideration when a general practitioner applies for a practice premises grant

Reply

Applications from general practitioners for grants towards the provision of new premises, or for improvement or extension of existing premises, are considered having regard to the principles outlined in the Blueprint Document entitled "The Future of General Practice in Ireland". Factors taken into account include:-

Panel size

status of the general practitioner e.g. single handed/member of a partnership/group practice

area in which the premises is situated

the extent and nature of the accommodation already available.

In any year the availability of funds is an over-riding factor.

3. Cllr. E. Byrne

Will the Chief Executive Officer outline the number of vacancies for Clinical Psychologist that exist within the Board's area and can he say what effect this shortage is having on a proper psychological service.

Reply

One newly created senior psychologist post and one basic grade clinical psychologist post are vacant at present

The new senior psychologist post is a specialist post in the training area. This together with the basic grade post will be filled as soon as possible.

Psychologists are deployed to meet identified priority needs. All priority needs are being met within a reasonable time scale.

4. Cllr. E. Byrne

To ask the Chief Executive Officer how many juveniles would be in secure residential care who have been professionally assessed as requiring same, if care orders were made against such persons.

Reply

Place of Safety or Fit Persons Orders are obtained by our Board to enable us to provide for the care of children, following assessment in circumstances where it is not being adequately provided by parents or guardians. Such orders do not provide for the detention of children or holding them in secure accommodation.

5. Cllr. I Callely, T.D.

To ask the Chief Executive Officer if a single woman who has been medically recommended for in vitro fertilisation will receive grant assistance for same to be carried out abroad and will the Chief Executive Officer make a statement on the matter.

Reply

Under the terms of the EC referral scheme, patients may be referred to other member states for procedures/treatments which are not available in this State. The conditions of this scheme are as follows;

- [i] the treatment concerned is not available in this country;
- [ii] there is an urgent medical necessity for the treatment;
- [iii] there is a reasonable medical prognosis;
- [iv] the treatment is regarded as a proven form of medical treatment;
- [v] the treatment abroad is in a recognised hospital or other institution, and is under the control of a registered medical practitioner;
- [vi] the hospital/other institution will accept EC Form E112 (Irl).

All applications for assistance towards the cost of treatment abroad are assessed individually, taking into account the circumstances of the particular case, in the light of the conditions outlined above. Referral abroad for in-vitro fertilization does not meet the conditions outlined, e.g. with regard to condition no. [1] above in-vitro fertilization (I.V.F.) is available at the Human Assisted Reproduction Unit at the Rotunda Hospital. The Unit is a limited company separate from the hospital over which I understand the Minister for Health has no direct responsibility.

As to the availability of this treatment to a single woman, regard must be had to the guidelines laid down by the Medical Council in relation to any particular procedure. In the case of in vitro fertilisation the Medical Council approves the guidelines promulgated by the Institute of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland and states that the therapeutic application of in vitro fertilisation within this framework is acceptable. The guidelines promulgated by the Institute of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists provide inter alia, that "the technique of IVF should be offered to married couples who have been appropriately counselled, understand the method and give informed consent".

6. Cllr. B. Byrne

If the Board has considered the proposal to locate a Day Care Centre for the elderly in Finglas West in the top level of the Barry Shops on Barry Road, has the Board got proposals for the provision of such facilities to cater for the elderly in Finglas; if the Board would assist in establishing a Project Committee to carry out a feasibility study of various options, such a Committee to be representative of interested local organisations and individuals. Health Board personnel and local representatives.

Reply

The Director of Community Care and Area Care Team for the Elderly are seeking to establish a Day Care Centre for the elderly in Finglas West They are In discussion with bodies and individuals concerned with services for the elderly in that district regarding the provision of a Centre.

The premises referred to have been examined and are not regarded as suitable for the proposal because they are above street level and their general location would not suit the convenience of the frail elderly in the area.

Various options for the establishment of a Day Care Centre in a suitable premises will be pursued involving all local interests concerned and the formal establishment of a Project Committee is not considered necessary.

7. Cllr. J. Connolly

Will the Chief Executive Officer say what is the latest and up-to-date research into the causes of Alzheimer's disease and will he arrange to publicise whatever information is on hand in order that the public are fully aware of its symptoms.

Reply

There is currently considerable research into the cause of Alzheimer's disease. Findings include the discovery that an abnormal protein is deposited in the brain of Alzheimer's sufferers. In some cases this has been linked to a genetic defect. Other research has focused on drug therapy to compensate for deficiencies of certain substances (neuro transmitters) in Alzheimer's patients.

While these findings are reasonably positive, I am advised that it is not yet possible to treat the underlying cause of Alzheimer's disease. However, some of its secondary effects, such as behavioural problems, can be relieved, and this is of particular benefit to family carers.

Loss of recent memory and disorientation in time are the usual ways in which Alzheimer's disease manifests itself. Other problems which may occur include loss of ability to care for oneself. Incontinence and behavioural problems such as agitation or sleep disturbance. If the condition is suspected, the person should be seen by his/her family doctor who will arrange appropriate investigation.

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland is a particularly helpful contact point for family carers providing both information and support.

**115/1993
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

The Chief Executive Officer read the following report which was noted and agreed subject to the comments recorded below:-

1. Task Force on Special Housing Aid for the Elderly

I have circulated with the agenda papers for this meeting, copies of a letter dated 24th September, 1993, from the Department of the Environment regarding the allocation of a further £94,000 to our Board in respect of the scheme for Special Housing Aid for the Elderly, giving a total provision of £357,000 in respect of 1993.

This allocation is to be welcomed and will be used to deal with an additional 60 cases in the period to 31st December, 1993.

The estimated total expenditure by our Board under this scheme during 1993 is as follows:

Dublin City & Co.	£217,000
Co. Kildare	£70,000
Co. Wicklow	£70,000

2. Application of the Food Hygiene Regulations to Small Scale Food Enterprise operating from Domestic Kitchens.

I have circulated with the agenda papers for this meeting copy of a letter dated 6th October, 1993 from the Department of Health enclosing a copy of the Report of the Food Safety Advisory Committee entitled "Application of the Food Hygiene Regulations to Small Scale Food Enterprises operating from Domestic Kitchens".

I am advised that the Minister for Health is considering the necessary amendment to the Food Hygiene Regulations.

3. National Development Plan - Proposed Health Services Developments

I have circulated with the agenda papers for this meeting copy of a press release issued by the Minister for Health regarding proposed Health Service Developments under the National Development Plan particularly the new TaOaght Hospital and the vocational training of people with disabilities. Two significant developments are included in relation to the latter.

[i] Provision of £6 million per annum for capital expenditure on vocational training of people with disabilities so that workshops and community training centres may bring physical standards and quality of training up to standards required by the EC Commission.

[ii] Proposed human resources actions directed at the handicapped, particularly training for sheltered employment in line with the EC initiative on social exclusion.

4. Europe Against Cancer Week

I have circulated with the agenda papers for this meeting copy of a statement issued by the Minister for Health on 11th October, 1993 on the occasion of the launch of Europe Against Cancer Week, the theme of which for 1993 is "Passive Smoking".

Members will note the Minister's statement, that he is currently reviewing the Tobacco (Health Promotion and Protection) Regulations 1990 and the operation of the Voluntary Code on Smoking in the workplace.

5. Signing of Contract for the Building of Tallaght Hospital

I have circulated with the agenda papers for this meeting copy of a statement issued by the Minister for Health on 20th October, 1993, regarding the signing of the contract for the building of Tallaght Hospital.

The Hospital Project will cost £123 million and will have 513 beds on a 38-acre site.

The contract time for the Project is 38 months, with a further 12-18 months to have the building fully equipped and commissioned.

6. Educational Facilities for Autistic Children

I have circulated with the agenda papers for this meeting copy of a letter dated 15th October, 1993 from the Department of Education in response to our Board's resolution requesting that the Department should review the educational facilities for autistic children and consider whether the provision of a specially-oriented education programme is necessary for them.

Members will note that a Special Education Review Committee was established in 1991 to examine and report on education provision for children with special needs and that our Board's resolution will be considered in the context of that Committee's recommendations which are now with the Minister for Education.

7. Medical Card Holders - Statistical Information

I have circulated with the agenda papers for this meeting copy of a letter dated 7th October, 1993 from the General Medical Services (Payments) Board enclosing statistical information on the position regarding medical card holders as at 30th June, 1993.

The percentage of the population covered by medical cards in our Board's area was 29.38% - the lowest percentage of all the Health Boards. The highest percentage covered is in the North-Western Health Board area (49.41%).

8. Designation of Mr. Seamus O'Brien as Appeals Officer under Nursing Homes (Subvention) Regulations. 1993

I wish to advise members that Mr. Seamus O'Brien. A/Programme Manager. General Hospital Care, has been designated by the Minister for Health as the Appeals Officer under Article 19.1 of the Nursing Homes (Subvention) Regulations 1993 for our Board's area until 1st October. 1994.

9. HIV/AIDS Statistics

I have circulated this evening, for the information of members, copies of a statement Issued by the Minister for Health on 1st November. 1993 giving the latest statistics on HIV/AIDS.

The statistics show an increase of nine new cases of AIDS in the period from 31st August to 30th September. 1993 and six deaths from AIDS in that time.

This brings the total number of AIDS cases to 362 and represents an increase of 18% in the cases of AIDS reported since the beginning of the year.

IV drug abusers continue to account for the largest number (159 or 44%) of cases of AIDS while homosexuals/bi-sexuals account for 119 (33%) of AIDS cases.

The HIV statistics show that IV drug abusers represent 51% of the total. homosexuals 19% and heterosexuals 13%.

10 Chief Executive Officer's Report - Extra payment of allowances for one week at December

I have circulated this evening, for the information of members, copies of Department of Health letter dated 2nd November. 1993 regarding the making of an additional payment to recipients of long-term maintenance allowances for one week in December 1993.

The additional payments authorised are equivalent to 70% of the value of a single week's payment, subject, in the majority of cases, to a minimum payment of £20.

Arrangements have been made to make these additional payments to those concerned in our Board's area."

Following a discussion on the percentages of the population covered by medical cards to which Cllr. Byrne, Deputy Durkan and Cllr. Connolly contributed, and to which the Chief Executive Officer replied, it was agreed to prepare a report for consideration at a future meeting of the Community Care Programme Committee showing the medical card figures for our Board's area on a Community Care area basis.

**116/93
REPORT OF BUDGET WORKING GROUP - FINANCIAL POSITION AT 30TH
SEPTEMBER 1993**

Report no. P4/1993 (copy filed with official minvtes) which had been circulated was noted.

**117/1999
PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PROGRAMME COMMITTEES**

1. Special Hospital Care Programme Committee

On a proposal by Dr. O'Herlihy, seconded by Dr. Hawkins, it was agreed to adopt the report.

The following matters were dealt with in the report-

- [a] Trauma/Counselling Service,
- [b] Child Psychiatric Service in Co. Kildare.
- [c] Tallaght Hospital Psychiatric Service.

2. General Hospital Piograinme Committee

On a proposal by Deputy Callely, seconded by Dr. Hawkins, it was agreed to adopt the reports.

The following matters were dealt with in the reports:-

- (a) Election of Dr. R Corcoran as Chairman of the Committee;
- [b] Election of Cllr. G. Brady as Vice-Chairman of the Committee;
- [c] Replacement screening x-ray equipment in St Columcille's Hospital. Loughlinstown;
- [d] Installation of a new laboratory system in St Columcille's Hospital;
- [e] Pilot scheme to provide access to the hospital laboratory for North Wicklow general practitioners;
- [f] Meeting of Naas Hospital Review Group;
- [g] 150th anniversary of the building of St Vincent's Hospital. Athy;
- [h] Commencement of ante-natal and post-natal clinics in Rathfamham in association with the Coombe Hospital.
- [i] Report on Services in St Vincent's Hospital. Athy.
- [j] Implementation of the Health (Nursing Homes) Act 1990.

- (k) Comhairie na nOspideal approval to the joint appointment of two Consultant Anaesthetists to St. Columcille's and St Vincent's Hospitals.
- (l) Comhairie na nOspideal approval to the reclassification and restructuring of the second post of Consultant Physician at Naas Hospital to that of Consultant Geriatrician.
- [m] Appointment of Mr. Seamus O'Brien. Acting Programme Manager. General Hospital Care as Appeals Officer under the Nursing Homes (Subvention) Regulations. 1993.
- [n] Report on services in Cherry Orchard Hospital.

Cllr. Byrne referred to the significant increase in the numbers of admissions to Cherry Orchard Hospital of children suffering from measles and, following discussion, it was agreed to prepare an up-date report on the MMR Vaccination Scheme for the next meeting of the Community Care Programme Committee.

3. Community Care Programme Committee

On a proposal by Cllr. Barrett seconded by Mr. Aspell it was agreed to adopt the report.

The following matters were dealt with in the report

- [a] 1992 Annual Report of the General Medical Services (Payments) Board.
- [b] Department of Health circular on General Practice Development Fund.
- [c] Special meeting held in the Dublin Dental Hospital on 28th October. 1993.

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NOTICES OF MOTION

1. The following motion was proposed by Deputy Durkan and seconded by Mrs. Bonars-

That this Board resolves to provide an adequate child psychology service having regard to the need to achieve the correct ratio of psychologists to population and consequently a comprehensive service".

Following a discussion to which Deputy Durkan and Mrs. Bonar contributed the Chief Executive Officer informed members that Psychologists are employed by our Board in the Child Psychiatric Service, in services for mentally handicapped persons and in the adult psychiatric service. He assured them that all our Board's responsibilities are being met by the psychologists who play an important role in a team setting.

2. The following motion was proposed by Senator Roche and seconded by Mr. Aspell-

That the Board resolves to immediately upgrade facilities at Kilcoole Clinic. Co. Wicklow by adding additional rooms and. in particular, creating a new waiting area to avoid the present scandalous situation whereby patients are forced on occasions to queue on the public roadway outside the Health Centre".

Following a discussion to which Senator Roche, Dr. Hawkins, Deputy Callely and Deputy Durkan contributed and to which the Chief Executive Officer replied, it was noted that Kilcoole Health Centre was including in our Board's general programme for upgrading and refurbishing health centres.

3. The following motion was proposed by Mrs. Bonar and seconded by Deputy Cailley:-

That this Board acknowledges the contribution made by Community Pharmacists in the operation of the G.M.S. Scheme since its inception and calls on the Department of Health to grant the same facilities to psychiatric patients and those on high tech. medicines etc."

Following a discussion to which Mrs. Bonar, Dr. A meeting of t a meeting of the Budget Working Group the Budget Working Group O'Herlihy. Dr. Reilly, Cllr. Byrne, Dr. Hawkins, Deputy Callely, Cllr. Greene and Dr. Whitty contributed, and to which the Chief Executive Officer replied, the motion was agreed, having been amended as follows:

That this Board acknowledges the contribution made by Community Pharmacists in the operation of the G.M.S. Scheme since its inception and calls on the Department of Health to enter into negotiations with the Irish Pharmaceutical Union to offer the same facilities to psychiatric patients and those on hi-tech medicines etc."

4. The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Ryan:-

"Acknowledging in Programme Managers' Reports that there is an epidemic of drug addiction, and gravely on the increase, the Eastern Health Board now accepts that serious and perhaps drastic actions must be taken to curb this dreadful health ailment and requests the Minister for Health in cooperation with the Minister for Justice because of the relationship to crime, to take whatever steps are considered appropriate even to residential hospitalisation to ensure that the scourge is completely eradicated".

Following a discussion to which Cllr. Connolly, Cllr. Byrne, Cllr. Greene, Deputy Callely, Deputy Briscoe, Senator Doyle, Deputy Shorthall. Cllr. Dr. O'Connell. Deputy Durkan and Mrs. Bonar contributed, and to which the Chief Executive Officer and Dr. Joe Barry, AIDS/Drugs Co-ordinator replied, the following amendment in the name of Deputy Callely was accepted and agreed:

"That this Board endorses the policies of the Eastern Health Board In addressing the drug problems in the Board's catchment area and requests the relevant Government departments to continue their support in an attempt to eradicate all drug-related problems."

The following amendment in the name of Deputy Shortall was also accepted and agreed:-

That this Board urges the Ministers for Justice, Health and Education to step up their respective campaigns to tackle the very serious and escalating problem of drug abuse."

5. The following motion was proposed by Deputy Briscoe, seconded by Deputy Callely, and agreed:-

"In view of the critical safety problems in the Dublin Dental Hospital that this Board calls on the Minister for Health to join with his colleague, the Minister for Education, in allocating in the estimates for 1994/1995 funding for the commencement of the new Dental Hospital facilities urgently needed in Dublin."

**119/1993
CORRESPONDENCE**

Items of correspondence, as referred to in the Chief Executive Officer's Report, were noted.

The meeting concluded at 8:30 p.m.

Correct: K. J. Hickey
 Chief Executive Officer

CHAIRMAN

EASTERN HEALTH BOARD

Report No: F4/1993

Financial position at 30th September 1993 and other matters

[1] At a meeting of the Budget Working Group held on 22nd October 1993 members noted the Chief Executive Officer's Report on our Board's financial position at 30th September 1993.

1. <u>Financial position at 30th September 1993</u>	£000
Budget to 30th September 1993	219.736
Actual Expenditure to 30th September 1993	<u>226.087</u>
Unfavourable Variance	<u><6.351></u>

Factors Accounting for the Variance

Over-expenditure on Demand Led Schemes	<4.685>
Pay Costs	<541>
Non-Pay Costs	<1.356>
	<6.582>
Favourable Income Position	231
	<u><6,351></u>

Our Board's expenditure to 30th September 1993 is £6.351.000 in excess of budget levels for that period. Expenditure on Demand Led Schemes, over which our Board cannot exercise any management control, represents £4.685.000 of the total budget over-run. It has been indicated by the Department of Health that our Board will be fully funded for excess expenditure under this heading during 1993. This leaves a net £1.666.000 expenditure over budget at the end of the third quarter of 1993 which our Board is required to eliminate before the year end.

2. **Commentary**

Members noted that while the out-turn to the 30th September 1993 represented an improvement in our Board's financial performance since 30th June 1993, a significant management task has to be faced to achieve a break-even situation by the year end. The adverse trends in expenditure (other than in the demand led schemes) for the first six months of the year have now been arrested and the main objective has to be to increase the momentum of this reduced expenditure trend and to fully recover the additional costs incurred in the earlier part of the year before 31st December 1993.

The Chief Executive Officer informed members that if these adverse trends had not been reversed the projected over-run at 31st December 1993, excluding the demand led schemes, would be £2.1m. He anticipated that as a result of a number of measures already in train this estimated over-run would be reduced by £1.1m at year end. The remaining £1m projected over-run falls to be dealt with by way of direct management action on the part of our Board. This will entail intensifying the programme of budget measures already undertaken and eliminating all but essential service related expenditure. The necessary measures had now been put in place and, with the cooperation of staff at all levels in pursuing these objectives, it was anticipated that the remaining over-run of £1m can be substantially reduced by the year end.

[2] Members agreed in principle with a proposal to license portion of the site at Grove House, Celbridge, to the North Kildare Voluntary Housing Association to enable them to proceed with a sheltered housing project for elderly persons.

MICHAEL BARRETT
A/Chairman

26th October 1993