

EASTERN HEALTH BOARD

**Minutes of proceedings of adjourned Monthly Meeting
held in
the Boardroom, Dr. Steevens' Hospital,
on Tuesday 7th November, 1995 at 11.00 a.m.**

Present

Mr. P. Aspell	Cllr. M. Barrett
Mrs. B. Bonar	Cllr. G. Brady
Cllr. B. Briscoe, T.D.	Cllr. E. Byrne, T.D.
Cllr. I. Callely, T.D.	Cllr. J. Connolly
Cllr. L. Creaven	Cllr. T. Cullen
Sen. J. Doyle	Cllr. K. Farrell
Dr. J. Fennell	Cllr. C. Gallagher
Dr. D.I. Keane	Cllr. T. Keenan
Mr. G. McGuire	Cllr. O. Mitchell
Cllr. D. O'Callaghan	Cllr. Dr. W. O'Connell
Cllr. C. O'Connor	Dr. J. Reilly
Cllr. T. Ridge	Cllr. K. Ryan
Dr. C. Smith	Cllr. D. Tipping
Cllr. M. Whitty	Dr. M. Wrigley

In the Chair

Cllr. M. Barrett
Cllr. C. Gallagher

Officers in Attendance

Mr. K.J. Hickey, Chief Executive Officer
Mr. P.J. Fitzpatrick, Programme Manager, Community Care
Mr. S. O'Brien, A/Programme Manager, General Hospital Care
Mr. M. Gallagher, Finance Officer
Dr. B. O'Herlihy, Director of Public Health
Mr. J. Curran, A/Technical Services Officer
Mr. P. Doyle, Estate Management Officer
Mr. M. O'Connor, Secretary

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 5TH OCTOBER, 1995.

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 5th October, 1995, having been circulated, were confirmed on a proposal by Cllr. Dr. O'Connell. seconded by Mr. Aspell.

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QUESTIONS TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

On a proposal by Cllr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Aspell, it was agreed to answer the questions which had been lodged.

1. Cllr. D. O'Callaghan

"To ask the Chief Executive Officer if he will allocate funding for a Neighbourhood Youth Project in Mountwood/Fitzgerald Park, Dun Laoghaire, in the 1996 development programme."

Reply

Our Board has received a proposal from the Mountwood/Fitzgerald Park Community Development Project for funding for a Neighbourhood Youth Project in Monkstown House to serve the Mountwood/Ballybrack area.

Our Board recently made available £20,000 from our National Lottery Grant for 1995 for this project. The proposal will be further considered when our Board's allocation for Child Care and Family Support Services for 1996 is notified.

2. Cllr. J. Connolly

"To ask the Chief Executive Officer for the following information on the drugs problem in this city:-

- (a) Numbers in attendance at each drug treatment centre.
- (b) Numbers being treated in the following detoxification units:-
 - (i) Cherry Orchard Hospital, (ii) Beaumont Hospital, (iii) St. James' Hospital.
- (c) Total number of addiction counsellors in each treatment centre.
- (d) Provide detailed information on funding to community and voluntary agencies and say who these are and the amounts paid.
- (e) Where will new drug treatment centres be opened and when and what will each staffina be."

Reply

During the course of the discussion on drugs services at the October meeting of our Board, a number of members suggested that a more detailed progress report from the Chief Executive Officer would be helpful. This has been circulated under Item no. 4 of the Agenda for this evening's meeting. This report gives comprehensive up-to-date information on all aspects of our Board's drug services including the information sought in this question, with the exception of numbers being treated in detoxification units. The throughput of the Cherry Orchard Unit which opened recently is projected to be SO this year increasing to over 400 in 1996 when other back-up facilities are available. The Beaumont Unit had 193 admissions since January 1995 to date. St. James' Hospital does not have a detoxification unit.

Cllr. T. Ridge

"To ask the Chief Executive Officer how many times the radiation machines at St. Luke's Hospital have been out of service due to breakdowns in the last six months."

Cllr. T. Ridge

"To ask how many public patients have been treated, when breakdowns occur, at the private facilities made available by the Mater Hospital."

Reply

The information requested by the member has been sought from St. Luke's/St. Anne's Hospitals. To date a reply has not been received. However, the matter is still being pursued and as soon as the information is to hand it will be made available to the member.

Cllr. T. Ridge

"To ask for a report re. Clondalkin Drugs Initiative (Quarryvale/North Clondalkin) and to include details of this Board's involvement with same."

Reply

A detailed initial proposal for the provision of a Community Based Addiction Initiative in north Clondalkin was received on 12th October 1995 from the Clondalkin Addiction Support Programme. This is at present under consideration and will be the subject of discussions with the proposers in the near future.

Our Board already provides financial support for the Quarryvale Team Counselling project through the Mater Dei Counselling Centre.

Cllr. D. O'Callaghan

"To ask the Chief Executive Officer to state what Detox and Counselling Services are available in Dun Laoghaire to help people who have become addicted to drugs and would he further state if it is intended to provide a centre for this purpose in the Dun Laoghaire area."

Reply

There are currently two addiction counsellors in the Dun Laoghaire area. Persons in need of methadone maintenance or detoxification must at present attend the central service in Trinity Court.

Our Board's development plan for 19% includes the provision of a community drug centre in Dun Laoghaire.

Sen. J. Doyle

"Does the Health Board supply Oxylite and, if so, in how many cases and under what circumstances?"

Reply

Our Board supplies Oxylite portable oxygen systems to patients suffering from Cystic Fibrosis who are certified by Respiratory Consultants as awaiting heart or lung transplants. Four systems have been supplied to date.

Cllr. I. Callely, T.D.

"Can the Chief Executive Officer advise of the waiting period to avail of physiotherapy services in each Community Care area, what proposals are there to develop services and will he make a statement on the matter."

Reply**1. Community Physiotherapy Service**

A community physiotherapy service commenced in one north side Community Care Area in the late 1980s. A service for south side Community Care Areas commenced from Baggot Street Community Hospital in 1990.

Under the Care of the Elderly/Community Ward Scheme, a service was developed in all Community Care Areas in the early 1990s. The extension of the physiotherapy service to all Community Care Areas was primarily for the provision of services to elderly persons. Hereunder is the waiting period for persons in the general population wishing to avail of community physiotherapy services:

Area	Waiting Period
1	Up to 1 month
2	Up to 1 month
3	Up to 4 months
4	Up to 2 months
5	Up to 3 months
6	Up to 2 months
7	Up to 2 months
8	Up to 10 months
9	Up to 3 months
10	Up to 1 month

Priority is given to the elderly, persons with serious respiratory ailments, and Cystic Fibrosis cases.

Our Board is carrying out a major review of the community physiotherapy services and a report is expected to be completed before the end of the year. In this context, particular attention will be given to areas with longer waiting times. It is accepted that there is a need for more community physiotherapists and, in this regard the Department of Health has been requested to sanction the appointment of 10 additional Physiotherapists for the Community Care services and sanction is awaited.

2. Hospital Based Physiotherapy Services

With regard to the provision of physiotherapy services in a hospital setting the following is the position:

In the major acute hospitals in Dublin, patients requiring physiotherapy services are prioritised as follows:

- (i) In-patient treatment
- (ii) Out-patients - Urgent
- (iii) Out-Patients - Routine

In-patients and out-patients requiring urgent physiotherapy treatment are seen without delay while the average waiting time for a routine out-patient appointment is approximately 4 to 5 weeks.

In our Board's directly managed acute hospitals at Naas, James Connolly Memorial and St Columcille's a similar procedure is followed in prioritising people in need of physiotherapy treatment. There is a 3 to 4 week waiting time for routine out-patient physiotherapy in our Board's hospitals.

In our Board's hospitals and homes for the elderly, physiotherapy services are in place and residents and day-patients receive treatment as required.

General Practitioners are now being given direct referral access to physiotherapy services in a number of hospitals and this trend is growing.

9. Cllr. I. Callely, T.D.

"To ask the Chief Executive Officer to advise what considerations and advices have been given to people with a disability in our services who may be sexually active and, if pregnant, would be unable to care for an infant and will the Chief Executive Officer make a statement on the matter."

Reply

Our Board's professional staff, and professional staff in the various agencies, are fully aware of and responsive to the sexuality of disabled people, particularly those with mental handicap

and certain psychiatric disabilities. Counselling and support in personal social skills, including sexuality, forms an integral part of service provision. Families and carers are involved in the counselling process, where appropriate. Where a child is born to a disabled person, and where that person is unable to care for the child:

- (a) Our Board will provide appropriate counselling and support to the parent(s) to enable the parent(s) to adequately care for the child. Such support may also involve home support, respite care for the parent(s); the child or both.
- (b) In the event of the parent(s) not being in a position to look after the child, notwithstanding counselling and support as indicated,
 - (i) the child may be taken into care, and, in this situation, ongoing contact between parent and child would be maintained,
 - (ii) as a final resort it may be necessary for our Board to have the child taken into care as the subject of a Care Order.

10. Cllr. I. Callery, T.D.

"To ask the Chief Executive Officer to advise of the total number of alleged abuse/sex abuse cases that are under investigation in the Eastern Health Board area. Can the Chief Executive Officer give a statistical breakdown of information available and will he make a statement on the matter."

Reply

The total number of alleged abuse cases by category at present under investigation in our Board is as follows:

414
230
48
222
221

At the end of this year, data will be available in relation to the total number of reported cases of child abuse in 1995. Members will be aware that there has been a significant increase in the number of reported cases of child abuse between the years 1992 (1,327) and 1994 (1,754).

In May 1995, new procedures concerning the notification of cases of child abuse between health boards and gardai were introduced. Meetings have taken place in each community care area between our staff and the gardai to ensure that the new procedures will function effectively.

Cllr. C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive Officer if he has considered the implications for this Board of the Draft Regulations Pursuant to the Health Insurance Act 1994 and will he make a statement on the matter."

Reply

The Draft Regulations will give effect to the operation of a Single Market in Health Insurance in Ireland and will provide the regulatory framework for the operation of the health insurance system provided for in the 1994 Act.

The Regulations will deal with Registration. Open Enrolment. Lifetime Cover. Minimum Benefit and Risk Equalisation. Their main objective will be to maintain the current system of community rating, open enrolment and lifetime cover, to ensure the provision of a level playing field for health insurers, to maximise the incentives for health insurers and health care providers to operate efficiently, and to maintain private practice within the well established public/private mix.

The key principles of community rating, open enrolment and lifetime cover have played a crucial role in making private health insurance available to a substantial proportion of the Irish population, particularly the elderly and high risk groups, and are mandatory requirements for all health insurers in Ireland. A statutory level of benefits and a risk equalisation system are essential elements in supporting community rating and open enrolments.

12. Cllr. C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive Officer what special health care facilities have been put into place to meet the needs of women infected with Hepatitis C from the use of Human Immunoglobulin Anti-D and will he make a general statement in the matter."

Reply

There is a national blood screening programme available, in respect of Hepatitis C virus infection, for women who received Anti-D blood products, for their partners and for their children. Of the 58,595 women who were tested 971 were found to have anti bodies for Hepatitis C and of these, 461 were identified as being infected with the virus. In relation to children 1,441 children have been tested of whom 12 were found to have anti bodies for Hepatitis C of whom 3 were identified as being infected with the virus. In relation to partners 412 were tested of whom 4 were found to have anti bodies for Hepatitis C and none have been identified as being infected.

Special consultant staff clinics (Hepatology) have been put in place for persons who received Anti-D blood products and who tested positive for the Hepatitis C virus, in the following hospitals:

St. Vincent's Hospital. Mater Hospital, St. James's Hospital. Beaumont Hospital. University College Hospital. Cork. University College Hospital. Galway.

Most people attending at the Clinics undergo full investigation including a liver biopsy. If considered clinically necessary persons are prescribed drug therapy i.e. Interferon.

Investigation and clinical support is available at these special Hepatitis C clinics and attendance is by appointment only. A counselling service has been established on a nation-

wide basis. It is monitored on a continual basis to ensure it meets needs. In the Eastern Health Board area this service is principally available at the Well Woman Centre Clinics.

The feedback from these special clinics is positive. The Department of Health have indicated that funding will be on an ongoing basis for as long as is necessary and that the health needs of the person with Hepatitis C virus infection arising from the use of the Anti-D products will be met.

The treatment, including prescribed medication is being provided by public hospital services free of charge.

13. Cllr. C. O'Connor

"To ask the Chief Executive Officer to make a general statement on the whole issue of the two houses recently acquired by the Eastern Health Board at Main Street and Main Road, Tallaght detailing all the services being provided and will he confirm that the local community is being consulted and will he state if he has received representations from local residents."

Reply

515 Main Street Tallaght was acquired by our Board in October, 1995 from Bamardo's who had been using these premises as local offices for a community based project team. It is intended for use as an administrative office for a locally based community drugs team.

15 Main Road Tallaght was acquired by our Board in September 1995 from the Marist Brothers who has used the premises for many years as a community residence for members of their order. It is intended for use as a community residence attached to our services at St. Loman's Hospital.

Representations have been received from local residents in relation to our Board's acquisition of the house at Main Road. In addition to a written response to those from whom representations have been received, it has also been suggested that a meeting be held locally at which representatives of our Board would be prepared to discuss any matters of concern

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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. Tallaght Hospital Board

I have circulated with the agenda papers for this meeting copies of letter dated 5th October, 1995 from the Department of Health advising that the Minister had appointed Cllr. Thomas Cullen to be a member of the Tallaght Hospital Board for the period ending on 14th July, 1997 to replace Dr. Rosaleen Corcoran who had resigned.

I have circulated today copies of letter dated 3rd November 1995 received by the Chairman from the Minister for Health with which he enclosed a copy of a letter issued to the Chairmen of the three base hospitals transferring to the new hospital in Tallaght.

In accordance with the usual practice, the nomination of a person by our Board to be a member of the proposed group, being the Board designate, will be on the agenda for the December meeting of our Board.

2. Allocation for the purchase of medical equipment and the carrying out of minor capital works

I have circulated with the agenda papers for this meeting copies of letter dated 16th October, 1995 from the Department of Health and a Press Release issued by Mr. Austin Currie, T.D., Minister of State at the Department of Health with special responsibility for children, regarding the making available in the current year of a grant of £45,000 for a mobile intensive care ambulance and £100,000 for the purchase of medical equipment and some minor capital works at James Connolly Memorial Hospital, Blanchardstown.

3. Task Force on Special Housing Aid for the Elderly

I have circulated with the agenda papers for this meeting copies of letter dated 19th October, 1995 from the Department of the Environment advising that a further £150,000 is being allocated to our Board, giving a total provision of £500,000 under the scheme for the special housing aid for the elderly in respect of 1995.

It is estimated that the expenditure under the scheme for 1995 will be as follows:

Dublin City and County	£280,000
County Kildare	£110,000
County Wicklow	£110,000
	£500,000

4. Opening of 10 bed Detoxification Centre at Cherry Orchard Hospital

I have circulated with the agenda papers for this meeting copies of a Press Release issued by the Minister for Health on the occasion of the official opening of the new Detoxification Unit at Cherry Orchard Hospital on 19th October 1995.

5. Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse

I have circulated with the agenda papers for this meeting copies of a Press Release issued by Mr. Austin Currie, T.D., Minister of State at the Department of Health with special responsibility for children, stating that he is committed to producing a discussion paper on mandatory reporting of child abuse as a basis for wide-spread consultations with the various interests groups and which will set out the main arguments for and against the introduction of a mandatory reporting law.

6. Europe Against Cancer Week and Extension of Breast Screening Programme

I have circulated with the agenda papers for this meeting copies of a Press Release issued by the Minister for Health welcoming the revised ten point European Code Against Cancer which was the theme for this year's Europe Against Cancer Week.

The Press Release also refers to the launch by the Minister of the Smoking Cessation and Reduction Action Programme for Schools - an anti-smoking initiative developed co-operatively between the Health Promotion Unit of the Department of Health, the Irish Cancer Society, the National Youth Federation and the Department of Education.

The Minister also announced the extension, on a phased basis, of the Breast Screening Programme for women aged 50-64 years. Phase 1. the Eastern Programme, covers the Eastern, North Eastern and Midland Health Board areas and is targeted at 121,000 women which represents 50% of the national target population.

7. National Ambulance Standards

I have circulated with the agenda papers for this meeting copies of a Press Release issued by Mr. Austin Currie, T.D., Minister of State at the Department of Health, when he announced a new training programme for ambulance personnel and new standards for emergency ambulance vehicles.

The Minister welcomed the publication of the standards which reflect the importance the Government attaches to continuing the development of the ambulance service from a patient transport service to one which provides expert emergency care to patients in the pre-hospital setting.

The Minister also welcomed the significant up-grading of the national ambulance fleet which has taken place since the publication of the Report of the Review Group on the Ambulance Service with the purchase of more than 100 new ambulances nation-wide over the past two years.

8. Cross Border Co-operation regarding Child Protection

I have circulated with the agenda papers for this meeting copies of letter dated 11th October, 1995 from the Department of Health regarding the development of cross border co-operation on child care matters and, as a first step, the agreement to formalise existing contacts between the Health Boards and the authorities in the North in relation to the exchange of information about children at risk whose families move across the border.

A copy of the protocol which has been agreed by the Ministers is also circulated with the Department's letter.

9. Irish Heart Week 13th - 19th November, 1995

Irish Heart Week, which will run from 13th - 19th November, 1995, is a new initiative organised by the Irish Heart Foundation, the Health Promotion Unit of the Department of Health and the Health Boards. The focus of this year's campaign will be on the management and prevention of high blood pressure.

During Irish Heart Week people will be encouraged to have their blood pressure checked regularly and to change their lifestyle to help reduce or prevent high blood pressure. Events taking place during the week will include public lectures in Dublin and Cork and blood pressure information stands throughout the country.

Details of these events were circulated at the October meeting of the Community Care Programme Committee.

10. Guidelines on Supplementary Welfare Allowance Exceptional Needs Payments

I have circulated for the information of members copies of Department of Social Welfare leaflet SW53 setting out guidelines on Supplementary Welfare Allowances Exceptional Needs Payments.

The guidelines describe the provisions of the Social Welfare (Consolidation) Act 1993 in relation to exceptional needs payments and urgent needs payments.

These guidelines which are the first of a series of SWA guidelines to be published by the Department of Social Welfare have been made available to the public since the 16th October, 1995.

11. "Registering the People - 150 years of Civil Registration"

I have circulated for the information of members copies of a booklet entitled "Registering the People - 150 years of Civil Registration" which was launched on 1st November 1995 by the Minister for Health to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the introduction of civil registration to Ireland with the enactment, in 1845, of legislation providing for the registration of all civil marriages and the creation of the Office of the Registrar General.

In his address the Minister referred to the developments taking place in relation to the computerisation of the registration process and the many benefits which will result from this. He also referred to the plans which have been made to decentralise the General Register Office to Roscommon town.

12. Progress Report on Drug Services

Members will recall that during the course of discussion on drug services at the October meeting of our Board, a number of members suggested that a more detailed progress report would be helpful.

Copies of such a report have been circulated which members should take away with them for their information.

A report on proposals and development plans for our Board's drug services for 1996 will be tabled for the December meeting of our Board.

13. Interferon-beta-1b

I have circulated for the information of members copies of Department of Health Circular 10/95 dated 25th October 1995 advising that the product known as Interferon beta -1b will shortly receive a product authorisation.

This medicine is currently indicated for the treatment of certain categories of patients with multiple sclerosis and, with its product authorisation, will therefore, be covered under the Long Term Illness Scheme. A copy of the protocol prepared by the Department of Health for the supply of the product is attached to the letter.

14. Placement of Children with Relatives

I have circulated for the information of members copies of Department of Health letter dated 25th October 1995 setting out details of the arrangements for payment of allowances to relatives who have children placed with them in accordance with the Child Care (Placement of Children with Relatives) Regulations 1995.

15. Rental of 1 Park Crescent, Kimmage

Members will be aware from recent media reports of the disagreement which exists between our Board and the owner of 1 Park Crescent Kimmage in relation to the cost of rectifying the damage to the property while it was rented by our Board.

I have circulated, for the information of members, a short report setting out the current position in this matter.

16. Office for Health Gain

I have circulated, for the information of members, copies of a leaflet regarding the Office for Health Gain which has been established by the Chief Executive Officers of the health boards. The office is located in Dublin and its essential purpose is to facilitate joint working by health boards to achieve measurable health gain."

Following a discussion on the development of a drug treatment centre in the Weir Home, Cork Street and the relocation of the existing residents in alternative accommodation to which Dr. Wrigley, Mr. McGuire, Deputy Byrne and Deputy Briscoe contributed, the Chief Executive Officer and Mr. Walsh, Programme Manager, Special Hospital Care repeated assurances already given that the resettlement of the residents would be arranged with the utmost sensitivity. The rehabilitation team from St Brendan's Hospital which had successfully managed the resettlement of large numbers of former patients in community based facilities would be involved in the process.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF THE FEDERATED DUBLIN VOLUNTARY HOSPITALS - MEMBERSHIP

On a proposal by Deputy Callely, seconded by Cllr. O'Connor, Dr. Charles Smith was elected to replace Dr. James Reilly, who had resigned his membership of the Central Council of the Federated Dublin Voluntary Hospitals.

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AMENDMENT OF STANDING ORDERS

Following a discussion on Report no. 43/1995 (copy filed with official minute), to which Deputy Callely, Cllr. O'Connor, Deputy Byrne, Cllr. Reilly, and Cllr. Gallagher contributed, and to which the Chief Executive Officer replied, it was agreed to research the position regarding the practice in health boards and local authorities and to consider the matter further.

ACTING CHAIRMAN

As the Chairman had to leave the meeting at this point members agreed that Cllr. C. Gallagher should take the chair.

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PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PROGRAMME COMMITTEES

1. Special Hospital Care Programme Committee

On a proposal by Cllr. Keenan, seconded by Deputy Callely, it was agreed to adopt the report.

The following matters were dealt with in the report:-

- [a] Report on Services in Connolly Norman House
- [b] Student Nurse Psychiatric Training
- [c] St. Ita's Hospital Postgraduate R.N.M.H. Training
- [d] Closure of Adelphi House Hostel for major repairs
- [e] Progress report on services at Beechpark/Farmleigh, Stillorgan
- [f] Transfer of headquarters of Department of Old Age Psychiatry to 61 Eccles Street
- [g] Upgrading of Units 8A and 8B, St. Brendan's Hospital
- [h] Upgrading of Unit 1, Central Mental Hospital
- [i] Development of Day Care Centre in Balbriggan
- [j] The White Paper - "a new Mental Health Act"

2. General Hospital Care Programme Committee

On a proposal by Deputy Callely, seconded by Cllr. Keenan, it was agreed to adopt the report.

The following matters were dealt with in the report:-

- [a] Report on services in Cherry Orchard Hospital
- [b] Progress report on development of James Connolly Memorial Hospital
- [c] Advertisement to fill third post of Consultant Physician in Geriatric Medicine for South-East Dublin/East Wicklow catchment area.
- [d] Progress report on the future development of Naas General Hospital
- [e] Appointment of Consultant Radiologist for Naas General Hospital/MANCH Group of Hospitals from 1st February 1996
- [f] Progress report on the development of ambulance bases in North Dublin and Arklow

3. Community Care Programme Committee

On a proposal by Cllr. Keenan, seconded by Cllr. Ryan, it was agreed to adopt the report.

The following matters were dealt with in the report.

- [a] Report on Services in Area no. 4.
- [b] Survey of Children in Care of Health Boards. 1992.
- [c] Irish Heart Week. 13th - 19th November 1995.

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NOTICES OF MOTION

1. The following motion was proposed by Deputy Byrne and seconded by Deputy Briscoe:-

"Given the ever spiralling numbers of drug addicts presenting for treatment and as there is no treatment centre for the addicts living in the South Inner City of Dublin, this Board agrees that at least two units be urgently acquired to service the demand and further instructs the Chief Executive Officer that two sites be identified that will (a) allow for the commencement of a comprehensive service to addicts and (b) that they be small enough to gain the necessary public acceptance and to ensure the orderly running of such centres."

Following a discussion to which Deputy Byrne, Deputy Briscoe, Deputy Callely, Cllr. Connolly and Cllr. Cullen contributed, the Chief Executive Officer advised members that it was accepted that the need for facilities in the South Inner City is extensive and that our Board's priority is to establish a community drug centre in the Weir Home, Cork Street, which would be linked to two or three other centres to be developed in the South Inner City area.

The motion was noted.

2. The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Ridge and seconded by Cllr. Reilly:-

"That a report be brought to this Board re. Killinarden House, Palmerstown. The report to include (a) number of young people placed there and (b) number of staff and details of training of staff in dealing with children who may need to be restrained."

Mr. Fitzpatrick, Programme Manager, Community Care, informed members that Killinarden House, which had been opened urgently and at short notice to deal with the particular problem of out-of-control children, has accommodation for four children and a staff of 12 to provide 24 hour cover. Arrangements had been made in co-operation with the Department of Education to have staff working in Killinarden House trained in Oberstown House and Trinity House.

3. The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Cullen and seconded by Cllr. Ryan:-

That an extension be built to the Baltmglass Health Centre as the current room of nine feet by nine square *is* too small and has to be shared and rotated by the Community Welfare Officer, District Nurse, Dental Officer and optical services."

Following a discussion to which Cllr. Cullen, Cllr. Ryan and Cllr. Keenan contributed, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Programme Manager, Community Care informed members that the building of an extension to the health centre had been included in our Boards list of health centre improvements which had been submitted to the Department of Health with an application for funding. It would only be possible to progress this extension if funding becomes available.

The motion was agreed with the addition of the words "if funding is available".

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CORRESPONDENCE

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

The meeting concluded at 1 p.m.

CORRECT: **K J. HICKEY**
 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CHAIRMAN