

## **EASTERN HEALTH BOARD**

**Minutes of proceedings of Monthly Meeting  
held in  
the Boardroom, Dr. Steeven's Hospital, Dublin 8  
on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 1999 at 6.00 p.m.**

### ***Present***

Mr. P. Aspell	Dr. S. Barry
Mrs. B. Bonar	Cllr. L. Creaven
Cllr. L. Butler	Cllr. E. Byrne
Ald.L.CallelyT.D.	Cllr. T. Cullen
Cllr. O. Mitchell T.D.	Cllr. J. Dillon Byrne
Ald. Sen. J. Doyle	Cllr. A. Doyle
Cllr. Dr. D. Fitzpatrick	Cllr. T. Fox
Dr. K. Harkin	Cllr. D. Heney
Ms. M. Hoban	Dr. M. Laffoy
Cllr. C. McGrath	Mr. G. McGuire
Cllr. Dr. B. O'Connell	Dr. P. O'Connell
Cllr. M. O'Donovan	Cllr. S. O'Fearghail
Mrs. C. Quinn	Cllr. J. Reilly
Dr. J. Reilly	Cllr. R. Shortall T.D.
Cllr. C. O'Connor	Cllr. D. Tipping
Cllr. P. Vance	Cllr. J. Wall, T.D.

### ***In the Chair***

Ald.I. CallelyT.D.

### ***Officers in Attendance***

Mr. P. McLoughlin, Chief Executive Officer  
 Mr. M. Walsh, Programme Manager  
 Mr. S. O'Brien, Programme Manager  
 Ms. B. Clarke, Programme Manager  
 Mr. M. Gallagher, Programme Manager  
 Dr. B. O'Herlihy, Director of Public Health  
 Mr. J. Curran, Technical Services Officer  
 Mr. P. Doyle, Estate Management Officer  
 Ms. M. Browne, Communications Director  
 Ms O. Treacy, Board Secretary

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**CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS**

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

**1. Condolences**

I would like to propose a vote of sympathy to those whose names have been included on the list of condolences, which have been circulated.

**2. Special meeting of our Board**

I wish to advise members that a special meeting of our Board, concerning Dental Services, will be held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1999, in the Boardroom, Dr. Steevens' at 11.00a.m.

**3. Protocol Committee meeting**

I wish to advise members of the Protocol Committee that a meeting will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 1999 at 2.00 p.m. in the Boardroom, Dr. Steevens'.

**4. December meeting of our Board**

It is proposed that the December meeting of our Board should be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 1999 at 6.00 p.m.

**5. Meeting of the Community Services and Services for Children and Families Programme Committee**

I wish to advise members that there will be a special meeting of the Community Services and Services for Children and Families Programme Committee on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 1999 at 6.00 p.m. in the Boardroom, Dr. Steevens'.

**6. Official Openings**

I wish to advise members that arrangements are being made to officially launch the following services:

<b>DATE</b>	<b>FUNCTION</b>	<b>TIME</b>
24/11/99	HACCP Food Control Programme	2.30p.m.
6/12/99	Signing of Contract/turning of sod, Naas General Hospital	2.00p.m.

Invitations in respect of these functions will be forwarded to members as soon as possible.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 1999 AND A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 1999.**

The minutes of the proceedings of the monthly meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> October, 1999, and special Board meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 1999 having been circulated, were confirmed on a proposal by Mr. P Aspell, seconded by Cllr. P. Vance.

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**QUESTIONS TO THE CHBEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

On a proposal by Cllr. J. Reilly, seconded by Cllr. C. O Connor, it was agreed to answer the questions which had been lodged.

**1. Cllr. Christy Burke.**

'To ask the Chief Executive Officer to investigate the overcrowding at B&B Hostel Accommodation at 26/30 North King Street which is being used for homeless people and is not in keeping with planning conditions. Payments are being made by the Eastern Health Board'.

**Reply**

The Homeless Persons Unit of the Eastern Health Board commenced placing people in the premises at 26730 Norm King Street in July 1999. This is a new apartment block and was visited by the manager of the Homeless Persons unit prior to any placement being made. Following recent information received from the Planning Section of Dublin Corporation we have been advised that the accommodation does not have proper planning permission for its current use. We have decided therefore not to continue using this unit for its purpose. To date approximately half of the group being housed here have been given alternative accommodation arrangements and we are urgently seeking further accommodation to enable us to completely vacate this premises.

**2. Cllr. Eric Byrne.**

"Will the Chief Executive Officer please comment on the request for funding from the New Day Counselling Centre, 11 Meath Street, Dublin 8. Is he aware that it will cost £135,000 this year to run the centre and the only grant assistance they have received to date is £9,000 from the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs. Will the Manager agree to view sympathetically your request for funding in order to facilitate the continuing running of this very fine counselling service".

**Reply**

This New Day Counselling Centre was established in April 1995 in response to the need for a counselling and psychotherapeutic service for the people of Dublin's south-west inner city. The centre offers individual, family and group counselling and psychotherapy for a broad spectrum of problems. The Centre is open to all members of the community regardless of ability to pay.

The Centre is a voluntary non-profit organisation and the Trustees are representatives of the Christian Brothers and Holy Faith Sisters. Initial funding for the New Day Counselling Centre was proposed by the trustee organisations. The Director is a practising psychotherapist and other staff include psychotherapists, group facilitator and secretary.

Earlier this year a committee was established to prepare guideline criteria for approval of funding to voluntary counselling agencies. Their report is expected later this month. Decisions can then be taken on requests for funding received from a number of organisations including the New Day Counselling Centre.

**3. Cllr. Roisin Shortall, T.D.**

"In relation to drug users living outside the catchment areas of drug treatment centres, will the Chief Executive Officer provide details of the numbers currently on the waiting list for Trinity Court and the waiting times involved; and will he outline the proposals, if any, to provide access to these services".

**Reply**

The numbers currently on the waiting list for Trinity Court are 55. As of 29<sup>th</sup> October 1999 there are 523 people in treatment in Trinity Court

In the last 12 months the Drug Treatment Centre Board has initiated treatment at the Centre for 557 patients.

Of the 55 people on the waiting list none have been on the waiting list for longer than one year. Twelve of these have been given appointments for further assessment. The remainder are in the process of being contacted by our Outreach Worker.

The Drug Treatment Centre Board has just completed its Five Year Plan for services. Part of the developments include the provision of an emergency assessment service. This will enable people to be assessed on a walk-in basis and an appropriate treatment plan to be offered.

Also the more community based facilities that are opened will enable more patients to be moved and in turn allow more people to be taken on at Trinity Court.

4. Cllr. Roisin Shortall, T.D.

"In relation to the child social work services, will the Chief Executive Officer provide details of the number of social work posts in each community care area, the number of these posts which are currently vacant, and the number of referrals to each CCA for each of the past three years including this year to date".

Reply

**Social Work and Child Care Complements  
in each Community Care Area: vacancies are shown in parenthesis**

Area	Head Social Worker	Team Leader	Social Worker	Community Child Care Worker
1	1	2 (1)	15.5 (2)	2
2	1	2	15 (1)	2
3	1	2	18	2
4	1	4 (2)	32 (2.5)	5 (1)
5	1	4 (1)	25.5 (1)	4
6	1	4	29 (.5)	3
7	1	5	32.5 (3.5)	4
8	1	4	30 (4.5)	2
9	1	2	17 (2)	3 (1)
10	1	2	13 (3.5)	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>31 (4)</b>	<b>227.5 (20.5)</b>	<b>28 (2)</b>

**Referrals to the Social Work Service 1997 – mid Oct 1999**

Area	1997	1998	1999 (mid-Oct)
1	531	513	415
2	669	884	959
3	558	497	306
4	837	692	616

5	698	546	429
6	704	668	545
7	621	616	510
8	853	839	720
9	495	615	447
10	566	634	395
<b>Total</b>	<b>6532</b>	<b>6504</b>	<b>5342</b>

##### **5. Cllr. Roisin Shortall, T.D.**

"Will the Chief Executive Officer report on the very high turnover of speech therapists which has afflicted the Wellmount Health Clinic in Finglas for several months now; will he outline the reasons for high turnover, will he report on the impact this is having on services; and will he indicate what action he is taking to address the problem".

##### **Reply**

Over the last two years four therapists have left the service in Wellmount Health Centre for a number of reasons; to avail of career break; transfer to another post within the Board, and two persons who resigned to move outside the Eastern Health Board area. During that period there were two gaps in service of eight weeks in 1998 and a three week period in October 1999. The staff complement is now back to normal.

During this period other measures were taken to ensure there would be no significant impact on the waiting list. The waiting time is six months for assessment, which is comparable with the speech and language service generally in the Board.

At present there exists 5 vacancies for speech and language therapists in the Eastern Health Board Region. Of these one post refers to a senior post with special emphasis on learning disabilities. There are on-going interviews taking place to fill these vacancies but as with other professions the Speech and Language Therapy service is experiencing problems regarding recruitment and staff mobility.

Our Boards report titled *Development of Speech and Language Therapy Services* has been published recently; this will inform the Board's management on ongoing development of speech and language therapy services and the allocation of resources for same.

A submission has been made by our Board to the Department of Health and Children for funding to continue to develop the Speech and Language Therapy Services in the year 2000. In this submission there are four key priorities:

1. Development of speech and language units in both North and West Dublin.
2. Provision of a dedicated service for children with speech and language and reading/writing difficulties.
3. The development of speech and language services for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.
4. The provision of a dedicated service for inner city schools.

**6. Ald. Ivor Callely, T.D.**

'To ask the Chief Executive Officer the total number and estimated monies paid to asylum seekers for the year 1999 for (a) Income Maintenance (b) Emergency Accommodation (c) Other Services, will the Chief Executive Officer indicate if there are any difficulties in establishing and verifying identity of applicants and what percentage of asylum seekers arrive in Ireland from another European Member State and will he make a statement on the matter.'

**Reply**

Since the beginning of 1999 over 5,000 asylum seekers have arrived in Ireland. Upon arrival they register with the Department of Justice, Equality & Law Reform in the "one-stop-shop" in Mount Street. When the Department of Justice, Equality & Law Reform accept an application for asylum status the asylum seeker is referred to the Board's Community Welfare staff in Mount Street. They provide income maintenance under the Supplementary Welfare Allowance Scheme and also endeavour to place people in commercial emergency accommodation (B&B's and hostels). Asylum seekers are also advised to attend for medical screening with the Board's medical staff who are also based in Mount Street. If the asylum seekers manage to secure accommodation in the private rented sector they are paid a rent deposit by the staff in Mount Street and are then subsequently paid their basic payment and a rent supplement by the local Community Welfare Officer in whose area they reside.

There are currently 2,600 asylum seekers in emergency accommodation in the Dublin area. There are also approximately 6,500 in the private rented sector.

The estimated cost up to the end of September 1999 is as follows:

Income Maintenance	£13,340,000
Exceptional Need Payments	£1,000,000
Emergency Accommodation	£7,600,000
Rent Supplements	£6,400,000
Medical Screening	£132,000

The question of establishing and verifying identity is primarily a matter for the Department of Justice, Equality & Law Reform and the Department of Social, Community & Family Affairs. The Department of Justice, Equality & Law Reform give each new applicant a unique number and take a photograph. This number is cross referenced with the RSI number issued by the Department of Social, Community & Family Affairs. The two numbers and the photograph are made available to our Board's Community Welfare staff.

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Staff in the Eastern Health Board would not be aware of the number of asylum seekers who arrive via another European Member State. This is a matter that is investigated on an individual basis by the Department of Justice, Equality & Law Reform.

**7. Cllr. Charles O'Connor.**

"To ask the Chief Executive Officer to present an updated report on progress in restoring the fire damaged Health Centre at Millbrook Lawns, Tallaght; will he confirm the schedule in place and also acknowledge the need to remain in consultation with the local community and will he make a statement."

**Reply**

Following fire damage in Millbrook Lawns Health Centre all the services have been restored with the exception of Community Psychiatric Service which is operated from the Mental Health Centre in Belgard Road. We are still working on the needs assessment with the professionals and general practitioners. Parallel discussions are also taking place with the various voluntary organisations to see if their needs can be met on the site. The Board will be advised as soon as operational policies and schedule of accommodation has been agreed.

**8. Cllr. Charles O'Connor.**

'To ask the Chief Executive Officer to outline his response to Homelessness in the Tallaght region detailing contacts with local groups and will he make a statement."

**Reply**

The Homeless Initiative has recently facilitated the establishment of a Working Group to address homelessness in the South County Dublin area, which includes the Tallaght region. The purpose of this group is to develop an integrated plan for the provision of services for homeless people in the area.

The Eastern Health Board is represented on this Working Group by the local General Manager, the local Superintendent Community Welfare Officer, the Child Care Manager and the Psychiatric Social Worker from St Loman's Hospital. Also on this group are representatives from South Dublin County Council and specifically from the Tallaght area the Jobstown Integrated Services Project, Tallaght Information Advice Centre, South West Womens Refuge and DEONACH (West Tallaght Probation Services).

The Group has already met on two occasions and has commenced the task of identifying needs and target groups and the gaps in service provision. They are also seeking to identify how services can be linked to address these needs. The target date for the completion of the plan is January 2000.

Similar Working Groups are also being established in each of the local authority areas in the Eastern Health Board region.

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**9. Cllr. Charles O'Connor.**

To ask the Chief Executive Officer to report on his efforts to provide adequate Dental Care in the Tallaght region noting the concerns being expressed and will he make a statement."

**Reply**

In line with overall Board policy a school based system of delivery of dental services to eligible schoolchildren operates from Millbrook Lawns Health Centre. Our clinical staff of 5 (whole time equivalent) dentists and 0.4 (whole time equivalent) hygienist target 2nd 4th and 6th classes in 31 National Schools in the Area for screening, and any necessary treatment Pupils of first year post-primary schools are also similarly targeted.

A dental health educator also visits these schools to promote oral health by imparting advice on oral hygiene and diet.

All school children in these target classes complete treatment on a current academic year basis and there is no waiting-list for treatment.

We provide an emergency service for all pre-school and eligible school children, regardless of school class, on a daily basis in Millbrook Lawns. Any concerns which a parent may have concerning their child's dental health can be addressed at these visits.

We had some problems in early summer resulting from fire damage in Millbrook Lawns Health Centre. Dental staff were temporarily assigned to other Dental locations within the area. Routine treatment of schools served from that clinic ceased and emergencies were treated from other locations. Night sessions were provided for adult medical card holders in our clinic at Old County Road. Normal dental services resumed at Millbrook lawns on 3rd August 1999.

**10. Dr. M. Laffoy.**

"The Eastern Health Board provides a free formula milk scheme for low income mothers and their babies. Does it provide any financial support to low income mothers who choose to breast feed?"

**Reply**

There is no financial support provided through the Community Welfare Service specifically for low-income mothers who chose to breast-feed. The free formula milk scheme is funded and administered directly by the Health Board, under the Free Formula Feed (Baby Food) Scheme and is available to medical card holders who require same.

**132/1999 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

The Chief Executive Officer expressed his gratitude to members for their assistance in the purchase of the Meath Hospital site. The Chairman also thanked Mr. O' Brien, Programme Manager and his team for pursuing the purchase and development of this site. The report from the Chief Executive Officer was noted.

**1 Health and Safety 1999**

I have circulated with agenda papers for this meeting copies of letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> October, 1999 from the Department of Health and Children confirming the availability of additional funding of £16,000 this year on a once off basis in the Health and Safety area.

**2 General Practice Capital Development Fund 1999.**

I have circulated with agenda papers for this meeting copies of letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> October, 1999 from the Department of Health and Children informing us that a sum of £215,000 is being made available to our Board this year from the General Practice Capital Development Fund 1999 to assist certain General Practice development projects already identified and prioritised by our Board as deserving of support

**3 Ophthalmic Service**

I have circulated with agenda papers for this meeting copies of letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> October, 1999 from the Department of Health and Children to advise that following discussions concerning the Optical Benefits Scheme between the Department of Social Community and Family Affairs and the Association of Optometrists Ireland a once off increase in fees of 5% was agreed with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1999.

The fees and charges payable for the sight testing scheme and provision of spectacles and contact lenses scheme have been adjusted accordingly and the revised scale of these is enclosed. To take account of the increase in fees, £28,750 is being made available in the current year to our Board.

**4. Naas General Hospital/Phase II Development**

I wish to advise members that the Department of Health and Children have confirmed that there is no objection to accepting the tenders submitted by Messrs. P J. Hegarty Ltd in the sum of £26,401,277.00 (inclusive of V.A.T.) subject to the certain preconditions in relation to Naas General Hospital - Phase II Development

**5. Purchase of Meath Hospital**

I have circulated with agenda papers for this meeting copies of letter dated 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 1999 from the Department of Health and Children informing us that a

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Capital Grant not exceeding £10.75m will be made available to our Board for the purchase of the Meath Hospital site.

**6. Board Resolution/October Board Meeting**

I wish to advise members that I have received correspondence from Mr Gerard Barry, Chief Executive Health Services Employers Agency, acknowledging our correspondence following on from our October Board meeting conveying details of our Boards resolution regarding the impending nurses strike. Mr Barry advises that the views of our Board will be given due consideration by the Agency.

**7. Fuel Scheme 1999/2000**

I have circulated with the agenda papers for this meeting copies of Circular No S.W.A. 7/99 which refers to the Fuel Scheme 1999/2000.

**8. AGM of the Irish Pre-School Playgroups Association**

I have circulated with agenda papers for this meeting copies of Press Release dated 8<sup>th</sup> October, 1999 in which Mr Frank Fahey, Minister of State at the Department of Health and Children, at the official opening Irish Pre-School Playgroups Associations National AGM, commended the IPPA on their contribution to early Childhood Care and Education together with their role in developing Adult Orientated Childcare Training and Support

**9. Statement re: Nurses Strike Ballot**

I have circulated with agenda papers for this meeting copies of Press Release dated 11<sup>th</sup> October, 1999 which outlines Mr Brian Cowen TD, Minister for Health and Children response to the result of the Ballot for an all out nurses strike.

**10. Nurses Pay**

I have circulated with agenda papers for this meeting copies of Press Release dated the 19<sup>th</sup> October, 1999 being the speech by Mr Brian Cowen TD, Minister for Health and Children on motion related to nurses pay in Dail Eireann on Tuesday 19\* October, 1999.

**11. Information Technology.**

I have circulated with agenda papers for this meeting copies of letter dated 21<sup>st</sup> of October, 1999 from the Department of Health & Children advising that a grant in the sum of £828.963.74 has been made available under the Capital Information Technology Investment Program in respect of projects in our Board's area.

12. **Year 2000 Programme - Upgrade of Equipment.**

I have circulated with agenda papers for this meeting copies of letters dated 27<sup>th</sup> October, 1999 which conveys approval to upgrade stated equipment to the value of £5,330 and £48,264 respectively.

13. **Regional Orthodontic Unit in the Loughlinstown Area.**

I have circulated with agenda papers for this meeting copies of letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> October, 1999 from the Department of Health & Children which conveys sanction to the payment of a capital grant of £1.065m in respect of the development of a regional orthodontic unit in the Loughlinstown area.

14. **Consultancy in Epidemiology, Oral Health Services Research & Specified Consultancy Services for the Dental Sendees.**

I have circulated with agenda papers for this meeting copies of letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> November, 1999 from the Department of Health & Children which requests our Board to release immediately the amount of £25,220.70 to the Oral Health Services Research Centre Cork, in respect of the Oral Health Services Research-Fluorides project

15. **National Environment Health Action Plan.**

I have circulated with agenda papers for this meeting copies of press release dated 1<sup>st</sup> November, 1999 from the Department of Health & Children advising that Mr Brian Cowen ID, Minister for Health & Children has published a report containing a detailed proposal for a National Environment Health Action Plan.

16. **Site of the Meath Hospital.**

I refer to item no. 5 in my report which has previously been circulated an enclosed press release dated 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 1999 in which Mr Brian Cowen ID, Minister for Health & Children announced his approval to our Board, to purchase the site of the former Meath Hospital.

17. **Senior Help line Service**

I have circulated with the agenda papers for this meeting copies of Speeches made by Dr Sheelah Ryan, Chairperson the Office for Health Gain, Mr Brian Cowen TD, Minister for Health & Children and Mr Calm O'Connor at the launch of the expanded Senior Help line Service by Mr Brian Cowen, Minister of Health & Children on the 27<sup>th</sup> October, 1999.

18. **Waiting Lists.**

I have circulated with agenda papers for this meeting copies of Press Release dated 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 1999 in which the Minister for Health & Children, Mr Brian Cowen

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TD, states that the article in the Evening Herald on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 1999 about acute hospital waiting lists is purely speculative and without foundation.

**133/1999****DISPOSAL OF SITE AT CHERRY ORCHAD HOSPITAL**

On a proposal by Cllr. J. Reilly, seconded by Mrs. C. Quinn, it was agreed to adapt the proposal containing Report No 42/1999 (copy filed with official minute).

**134/1999****INTERGRATED SERVICES PROJECT**

Following a slide presentation from Ms. Carmel Dunne and discussion to which Cllr. E Byrne, Deputy R. Shortall and the chairman contributed and to which the Chief Executive Officer replied. Report No 43/1999 (copy filed with official minute) was noted.

**135/1999****CHILD CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Following a detailed discussion on Report No. 44/1999 (copy filed with official minute) to which Cllr.E..Byrne,Sen.E.Fitepatrick,Cllr.J.D.Byrne,Mrs. C. Quinn, Deputy R. Shortall, Deputy O. Mrtchell, Cllr. M. O' Donovan, Dr. J. Reilly, Dr. S. Barry, Cllr. A. Doyle and the Chairman contributed and to which the Chief Executive Officer replied. Item (a) of this report was agreed. The motion from the childcare committee outlined in item (b) of this report was noted. The chairman requested that it be recorded that he does not support this motion.

**136/1999****DUBLIN HEALTHY CITIES PROGRESS REPORT**

Following a slide Presentation by Mr. Ray Bateson, Dublin Health Cities Project, it was agreed to note Report No. 45/1999 (copy filed with official minute).

**137/1999****REVIEW OF ISPCC CHILDHOOD SUPPORT WORKER SERVICE.**

Following a verbal presentation from Ms- Brid Clarke, Programme Manager Report No. 467/1999 ( copy filed with official minute ) was noted and agreed.

**138/1999****PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PROGRAMME COMMITTEE'S****1. Community Services and Services for Children and Families.**

On a proposal by Mr. G. Maguire, seconded by Cllr. J. Dillion Byrne, it was agreed to adapt the report. The following matters were dealt with in the report

(a) General Managers Report on service provision in area 4.

- (b) The report/*Oral Health in Ireland*.

**2. Service with Person with Disabilities.**

On a proposal by Mr. G. Maguire, seconded by Deputy R. Shortall, it was agreed to adapt the report. The following matters were dealt with in the report.

- (a) Report on mental handicap services for Community Care Area 9.
- (b) Report on services for person who is physically and sensory disabilities in Community Care Area 9.
- (c) Report on development funding for mental handicap services for 1999.
- (d) Overview of services at KARE Day Activation Centre, Naas, Co. Kildare.

**3. Health Promotion, Mental Health, Addiction and Social Development**

On a proposal by Mr. G. Maguire, seconded by Cllr. P. Vance, it was agreed to adapt the report. The following matters were dealt with in the report.

- (a) Report on services at Cuan Mhuire, Athy, Co. Kildare.
- (b) Medical re-view of the Drug Detox and Rehabilitation Unit at Mountjoy Prison.
- (c) Programme Manager's Report

**4. Acute Hospital's and Services for the Elderly.**

On a proposal by Cllr. D. Heney, seconded by Mrs. C. Quinn, it was agreed to adapt the report. The following matters were dealt with in the report.

- (a) Progress report regarding hospital development at James Connolly Memorial Hospital.
- (b) Progress report regarding hospital development at Naas General Hospital.
- (c) Report on services at Cherry Orchard Hospital
- (d) Progress to date on the implementation of the initial 3-Year Work Programme for the "*10 year action plan for services for older persons 1999 to 2008*".

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NOTICES OF MOTION**

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. R. Shortall TD.

1. That services for the elderly be re-organised so that the current delineation between geriatric and phycho-geriatric services be eliminated, as it is highly unsatisfactory from the patients point of view. This Board further calls for services with persons with dementia to be established as a matter of priority".

The motion was seconded by Dr. K. Harkin and following discussion to which Cllr. J. D. Byrne, Mr. G. Maguire and Dr. J. Rielly contributed and to which Mr. S. O' Brien, Programme Manager replied, *it* was agreed to note the motion.

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2. The motion in the name Cllr. R. Shortall, T.D. concerning the extension of the meals on wheels service to senior citizen complex's to ensure that summer and Christmas leave period's are covered, was seconded by the chairman and noted.

The motion in the name's of Cllr. A. Devitt and Dr. J. Reilly was amended as follows:

3. "That all non-EU foreign national's seeking domicile in the Eastern Health Board area be encouraged to undergo health screening. This would identify at source those applicant's who are at risk and in immediate need of treatment. Further funding should be made available for this".

The motion was seconded by Mr. G. Maguire on following discussion to which Cllr. E. Byrne, Dr. K. Harkin, Dr. M. Laffoy, Mrs. Quinn and Cllr. A. Doyle contributed and which the Chief Executive Office replied the motion was noted and agreed.

4. The following amendment was proposed in relation to the motion in the name of Cllr. E. Byrne.

"In addition children (ie. under 18 years) should have the permission of their parents/guardians when having body piercing. Providers of body piercing should fully inform clients of all the risks or consequences of piercing (including the parents of children) so that fully informed consent can be obtained".

Following discussion on the motion to which Deputy R. Shortall, Cllr. J. Dillion Byrne, Dr. M. Laffoy, Dr. K. Harkin and Mrs. Quinn contributed and to which the Chief Executive Officer replied the motion was agreed.

The motion in the name of Cllr. R. Shortall T.D., concerning the establishment of inpatient psychiatric services in maternity hospital's was seconded by Deputy J Wall.

Following discussion to which Dr. S. Barry, Mr. G. Maguire Mrs. Quinn and Dr. K Harkin contributed and to which the Chief Executive Officer replied. Deputy Shortall agreed to accept a written report from the Chief Executive Officer in this regard.

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**OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chairman announced that the Acute Hospitals and Services for the Elderly Programme ■ i Committee meeting will take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 10.45a.m. in Loughlinstownt Hospital.

The meeting concluded at 9.20p.m.

**CORRECT:**

**P.MCLOUGHLIN  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

CHAIRMAN

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