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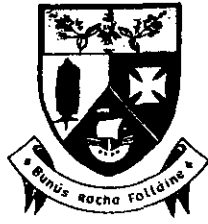
TO EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD

Dear Member,

As of today, our advice is that the Special Board Meeting in Committee on 29th March, 2001 may go ahead. Foot and Mouth precautions will be in place at Merlin Park. However the position may have to be reviewed in line with national developments, and if cancellation becomes necessary, a further communication will issue. We respect any member's decision not to attend the meeting in view of current circumstances.

Yours sincerely

Dr. Sheelah Ryan
Chief Executive Officer



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DO GACH COMHALTA DEN MBORD

A chara,

Is mian liom a chur in lúl dhuit go dtionólfar Chruinniú Speisialta den mBord *in Iata, san Ionad Oideachais, Ospidéal Réigiúnach, Páirc na Muirlinne, Gaillimh, Dé Déardaoin, 29ú Márta, 2001 ag 3 a chlog.* Tá an Clár luaite thíos. Iarrtar ort bheith i láthair le do thoil.

I wish to inform you that a Special Meeting of the Board will be held **in Committee**, in the Education Centre, Merlin Park Regional Hospital, Galway **on Thursday, 29th March, 2001 at 3.00pm.** Agenda is as set out below. You are invited to attend.

Mise le meas,

Dr. Sighe Ní Riain,
Príomh Oifigeach Féidhmiucháin.

CLAR

1. Urnai Tosaighe
2. Verification of Minutes of Special Meeting of the Board held in Committee on 3rd November, 2000. (Copy attached)

3. Annual Financial Statements for the Year ended 31st December, 2000.
(Report No. 27/01 from the Chief Executive Officer attached)

4. To consider a report on Nursing Home Subventions - An investigation by the Ombudsman and our response.
(Report No. 28/01 from the Regional Manager, Mental Health and Services for Older People attached)

5. To note a draft progress report on the National Development Plan.
(Report No. 29/01 from the Director of Capital Projects attached)
Presentation to be made at the meeting by the Director of Capital Projects.

6. To note a report on the New National Health Strategy.
(Report No. 30/01 from the Regional Manager, Corporate and Public Affairs attached)

**BORD SLAINTE AN IARTHAIR
(WESTERN HEALTH BOARD)**

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD IN COMMITTEE ON FRIDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER, 2000 AT 3.00PM IN THE EDUCATION CENTRE, MERLIN PARK REGIONAL HOSPITAL, GALWAY.

PRESENT:

Dr. G. Kelly, Chairman, who presided.

OTHER MEMBERS:

Cllr. D. Burke,	Dr. F. Creaven;	Cllr. D. Lyons;
Cllr. U. Burke, T.D.;	Cllr. J. Flannery;	Cllr. M. Mullins;
Cllr. D. Bruen;	Cllr. B. Golden;	Dr. J. McGauran;
Cllr. J. Callanan;	Cllr. V. Hanley;	Dr. D. McLoughlin,
Cllr. J. Conneely;	Cllr. M. Hoade;	Cllr. K. Quinn;
Cllr. B. Cooper-Flynn, T.D.;	Cllr. C. Hopkins;	Cllr. T. Quinn,
Dr. P. Costello,	Cllr. P. Kilbane;	Mr. S. Tully.
Sen. M. Cox, B.C.;	Cllr. T. Leyden;	

APOLOGIES:

Ms. J. Downes;
Ms. D. McKane.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Dr. S. Ryan, Chief Executive Officer;
Mr. W. Moran, Regional Manager, Acute Services;
Mr. B. Haddigan, Regional Manager, Mental Health and Services for Older People;
Dr. S. Conroy, Regional Manager, Corporate Affairs & Population Health;
Mr. M. Hurley, Acting Regional Manager, Community Services;
Mr. J. Molloy, Director of Capital Projects;
Ms. G. Cahill, Acting Technical Services Officer;
Ms. M. Stack, Director of Communications;
Mr. R. Broderick, Senior Executive Officer;
Ms. M. Flaherty, Assistant Staff Officer.

AN URNAI TOSAIGHE:

D'abair an Runaí an Urnaí Tosaighe.

VERIFICATION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Board held on 27th March, 2000 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. J. Callanan, seconded by Cllr. M. Mullins.

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Board held on 3rd April, 2000 were adopted on proposal of Cllr. K. Quinn, seconded by Cllr. D. Burke.

SERVICE IMPLICATIONS IN TUAM IN LIGHT OF THE BON SECOUR SYSTEM DECISION:

The Chief Executive Officer outlined the role of the Board regarding service implications in Tuam in light of the Bon Secours System decision to close its hospital and the Regional Manager, Mental Health & Services for Older People outlined options open to the Board in deciding service needs.

A lengthy discussion followed in which many opinions were expressed. The Chief Executive Officer responded to questions raised and confirmed that convalescent bed needs could be dealt with in the short to medium term through the Winter Initiative and private Nursing Home services. Hospice Care and Counselling services were already planned for Aras Mhuire. She also informed Members that meeting the needs of Tuam and its environs required development of a Community Hospital and that the most cost effective and timely option for this would be a purpose built extension to Aras Mhuire on its adjoining lands. Additional funding from the Department of Health & Children would be necessary to advance any such developments in Tuam and the Board would need to ensure that the existing National Development Plan (funded) and other second line priorities (currently unfunded) were not adversely affected.

It was proposed by Senator M. Cox, B.C., seconded by Cllr. B. Golden, and agreed by the Board:

“That the Minister for Health & Children be requested to receive a deputation from the Board with a view to seeking new monies for the development of services in the Tuam area”.

It was further agreed that the deputation would consist of Dr. G. Kelly, Chairman (Roscommon), Dr. D. McLoughlin, Chairman, Community Services Standing Committee (Mayo) and Cllrs. U. Burke, T.D., J. Callanan, M. Hoade and K. Quinn (Galway).

