

**Minutes of Monthly Board Meeting held in The Conference
Room, Clonskeagh Hospital on Thursday 23rd January 2003
at 6.00p.m.**

In the Chair

Cllr. Andrew Doyle

Present

Ald. Joe Doyle
Dr. Ray Hawkins
Cllr. Pat Doran
Cllr. Jane Dillon Byrne
Mr. John Dolan
Mr. Gerry McGuire
Dr. Bernard Murphy
Cllr. Pat Hand

Dr. John Fennell
Cllr. Dr. Bill O'Connell
Cllr. Tony Fox
Cllr. Olivia Mithcell, TD
Mr. Michael Murphy
Cllr. Laurence Butler
Ms. Noeleen Harvey

Apologies

Dr. Mick Molloy
Ms. Maria Hoban

Officers in attendance

Mr. Michael Lyons, Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Martin Gallagher, Assistant Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Brian Redahan, Assistant Chief Executive Officer
Ms. Cate Hartigan, Assistant Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Pearse Costello, Director of Human Resources
Mr. Gavin Maguire, Director of Finance
Mr. Alex Connolly, Director of Communications
Mr. John Davis, Board Secretary
Ms. Suzanne Bushnell, P.A. to Chief Executive Officer
Ms. Marian Quinn, Director of Child Care Services

Opening Prayer

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Chairman's Business

The Chairman joined with the members in extending a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the list of deceased circulated.

Special tributes were paid to Mr. Joe Peake, RIP, Assistant Chief Ambulance Officer and it was agreed that a letter of condolence would be sent to his widow by the Chief Executive Officer.

The Chairman proceeded to advise the members of the following newsworthy events.

- Visit to the National Training and Development Institute in Arklow on 14th January 2003.
- Proposed official opening of the Physiotherapy Department, Wicklow Hospital on 4th February 2003.
- Proposed visit by Her Excellency, Mary McAleese, President of Ireland, to the Central Mental Hospital, Dundrum on 8th April 2003.
- Allocation of €484,727.00 approved to complete the Capital Project at the Co. Wicklow Association for the Mentally Handicapped, Haughton House, Newcastle, Co. Wicklow.
- Expressed thanks to the outgoing Childcare Advisory Committee for their participation and for their work over the past three years.

Report was noted.

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Minutes

(a) Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of monthly meeting of Board held on 12th December 2002 having been circulated were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Jane Dillon Byrne and seconded by Dr. Ray Hawkins.

(b) Matters Arising

No Matters Arising

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Questions to Chief Executive Officer

Councillor Jane Dillon Byrne

Question 1.

“What facilities are available for children in care in the East Coast Area Health Board area? What number use these facilities and where are they located?”

Reply

There are a number of these facilities provided directly by the Board and a number provided in partnership with the voluntary sector. In addition to these the Board has access to two high support facilities, which are Regional facilities. The first of these is Crannog Nua, located in Portrane, Co. Dublin owned and managed by the Northern Area Health Board. It will, when fully operational, have capacity to accommodate up to 24 young people. Current occupancy is 4. Crannog Nua offers a service to males and females aged 12 to 17 years. The second is Creag Aran, a high support facility for males and females aged 10 to 12 years with capacity to accommodate up to 6. Current occupancy is 3.

The Board has access to a national resource that offers secure care to a maximum of 18 young people aged 11 to 17 years. Ballydowd Special Care Unit is located in the South Western Area Health Board. This facility is currently undergoing an extensive refurbishment programme and capacity is to 12 with occupancy currently 8. In addition to the 18 beds it is anticipated that the facility will offer a ‘step-down’ service with capacity for 6 young people when refurbishment levels allow.

EAST COAST AREA HEALTH BOARD
RESIDENTIAL HOMES: CAPACITY/OCCUPANCY AT JANUARY 2003

STATUTORY	VOLUNTARY
<p>Aislinn Aftercare Service 2 Pottery Road, Kill of the Grange Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin Tel: 285 5161 Fax: 284 0639</p> <p>Capacity: 5 Current Occupancy: 5</p>	<p>Mrs Smyly's Racefield House, 3 Lr. Mounttown Road Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin Tel: 280 8983 Fax: 283 2071 / 230 1886</p> <p>Capacity: 5 Current Occupancy 4</p>
<p>St. Mary's 26/28 Park Avenue Sandymount, Dublin 4 269 8623 Fax: 269 8849</p> <p>Capacity: 12 Current Occupancy No. 28 = 4 No. 26 = 3</p>	<p>Mrs. Smyly's 'Glensilva', 95 Monkstown Road, Monkstown Co. Dublin 280 9554 Fax: 230 1880</p> <p>Capacity: 8 Current Occupancy 8</p>
<p>Eglinton House (Mother & Baby Home) 75 Eglinton Rd., Donnybrook, Dublin 4 269 1444 Fax: 269 1324</p> <p>Capacity: 13 Current Occupancy 6 Mothers 6 Babies</p>	<p>Los Angeles Society 1 Temple Terrace, Coliemore Road Dalkey, Co. Dublin 285 4494 (285 9096 Fax)</p> <p>Capacity: 7 Current Occupancy 6</p>
<p><u>SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS</u></p> <p>Teach Oige, Vergemount Clonskeagh, Dublin 6</p> <p>Capacity: 3 Current Occupancy 3</p>	<p>The Cottage Home Tivoli Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin 280 1215 Fax No: 230 3149 (Deputy to be appointed) Teach Cara –280 7796</p> <p>Capacity: 6 Current Occupancy 7</p>
<p>192A Ballyogan Road Carrickmines, Dublin 18</p> <p>Capacity: 2 Current Occupancy 2</p>	<p>The Cottage Home – Crann Carrig 11 Myrtle Park, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin 280 1444 Fax: 230 3149</p> <p>Capacity: 6 Current Occupancy 5</p>
<p>7 Anchor Mews Arklow</p> <p>Capacity: 1 Current Occupancy 1</p>	<p>The Cottage Home 26 The Drive, Ballinteer, Dublin 14 296 2040 (and fax number)</p> <p>Capacity: 6 Current Occupancy 6</p>
<p>3 Wainsfort Manor Grove, Terenure Dublin 6</p> <p>Capacity: 1 Current Occupancy 1</p>	

Chief Executive Officers Report

- The Chief Executive Officer's Report (copy appended to Official Minutes) was circulated. The Report dealt with the following:

- Accident and Emergency Pressures.
- Health Strategy Implementation Report.
- Orthodontic Treatment Purchase Fund
- Mr. Joe Peake, RIP.
- Retirement of Joe Byrne, Chief Emergency Planning Officer.

There followed a discussion on the Chief Executive Officers Report to which the following members contributed, Mr. John Dolan, Dr. Ray Hawkins, Cllr. Jane Dillon Byrne, Cllr. Laurence Butler, Mr. Gerry Maguire, Cllr. Dr. Bill O'Connell, Ald. Joe Doyle, Cllr. Andrew Doyle and to which the Chief Executive responded.

The following points were noted:

- Members congratulated the Chief Executive Officer on his recent success for the post of Chief Executive Officer of the Eastern Regional Health Authority and wished him well in the future.
- Members noted the reports of pressures experienced at Hospital Accident and Emergency Departments during the January period. Members acknowledged the work staff in all the services, which enabled the Board to effectively manage these services during this period.
- The Chief Executive Officer agreed to provide a report in regard to the role of St. Michaels Hospital as part of the development of Hospital Services in the region.
- The Chief Executive Officer agreed to supply information on waiting time for consultants at St. Columcilles Hospital..

The Chief Executive Officers report was noted and agreed.

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Report of Standing Committees

On the proposal of Cllr. Jane Dillon Byrne and seconded by Cllr. Pat Doran progress reports from the following committees were adopted:

- Continuing Care Committee 6th December 2002
- Acute Services and Primary Care Committee 17th December 2002
- Child Care Advisory Committee 19th December 2002

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Presentation on East Coast Area Health Board Child Care Services - Review of Adequacy Report 2001 (Draft)

Ms. Marian Quinn, Director of Child Care Services, presented draft Report 2001, Review of Adequacy, Child Care Services. The Report dealt with the following areas:

- Child Care Strategy
- Regional Child Care Strategy
- Management Structure
- Training and Staff Development
- Family Welfare
- Institutional Abuse Investigation Service
- Family Support Services
- Community Services and Inter Agency Partnership
- Foster Care Services
- Child Protection
- Residential Services
- Separated Children Seeking Asylum/Unaccompanied Minors
- Child Health Service
- Child Care Advisory Committee

There followed a discussion on the Report to which the following members contributed Mr. John Dolan, Cllr. Dr. Bill O'Connell, Cllr. Jane Dillon Byrne, Ald. Joe Doyle, Cllr. Laurence Butler, Mr. Michael Murphy, and to which Ms. Quinn responded.

The following points were noted:

- There have been some improvements in recruitment of Social Work posts since 2001. However difficulties still exist for recruitment of Therapy Services.
- The development of an Area Fostering Strategy Group is planned whose function will be to standardize fostering practices in Social Work at area level and look at the recruitment of Foster Care Staff.

The Chairman thanked Ms. Quinn for her report and complimented the staff and its partners in the voluntary sector in delivering high quality services to children and their families in what is a complex and demanding area of service provision.

On the proposal of Cllr. Tony Fox and seconded by Ald. Joe Doyle the report was adopted.

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Notice of Motions

No motions tabled.

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Correspondence

Items of correspondence referred to in the Chief Executives Report were circulated.

The Meeting concluded with a presentation to Mr. Joe Byrne,
Chief Emergency Planning Officer on his retirement.

Meeting concluded at 9.00 p.m.

Correct:

MICHAEL LYONS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Signed:

CLLR ANDREW DOYLE
CHAIRMAN

DATE