

Agenda Regional Health Forum South Meeting

Date: Thursday 28th of March 2024 Time: 11am
Venue: Council Chambers, Cork County Hall, Victoria Cross, Cork

1. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday, 5th October 2023
2. Chairperson's Correspondence
 - Adoption of Annual Reports 2022 and 2023
3. The next Committee Meetings will take place on:
 - South East Committee Meeting to be held on 9th of April 2024 in Kilkenny
 - South West Committee Meeting to be held on 11th of April 2024 in Tralee
4. Presentation on the new Regional Health Areas given by Mr. Liam Woods, National Director Health Regions Programme.

5. Notices of Motion

- (a) "That the executive please provide a detailed report on the progress by the HSE to deliver the committed 60 bed Community Nursing Unit for Cashel."

Cllr Declan Burgess

- (b) "What is the most recent update on the development of a standalone Oncology Unit at UHK and what are the project timelines?"

Cllr Mikey Sheehy

- (c) "Can the HSE please advise as to how many CAMHS teams in Cork City and County are without a permanent child psychologist; how many have a permanent child psychologist and what alternative measures are in place where there is not a permanent child psychologist available, particularly regarding extending the NTPF to child psychology assessments and use of the recently established regional psychological hubs."

Cllr Eileen Lynch

- (d) "Cork & Kerry HSE orthodontic surgeries, there is now a 6year waiting list for children to obtain orthodontics . Currently the median age of a child's first time visit to the orthodontist is 14yrs/15yrs . The HSE are telling patients that they will be 20 to 21years of age before they can access their orthodontic treatment. What are the HSE doing to bring the waiting lists down?"

Cllr Audrey Buckley

- (e) "To ask the HSE do they think it is acceptable that teenagers have to wait 5 to 6 years for orthodontic treatment. Resulting in being an adult before receiving the treatment."

Cllr Michael Foley

- (f) "Can I please have an update on the new Community Nursing Unit for Cashel Co Tipperary."

Cllr Roger Kennedy

- (g) "To help alleviate pressures on Tralee A&E, that the HSE would commit to providing a Minor Injury Clinic including an X-Ray facility in Killarney Town."

Cllr John O'Donoghue

- (h) "Requesting an Update on the Care and Rehabilitation Mental Health Service Unit at St. Stephen's Health Campus in Glanmire."

Cllr Caroline Cronin

- (i) "That the Regional Health Forum South endorses a view that a letter be written to the Minister that procedures be put in place to make Health a curriculum and be prepared, developed and introduced as a matter of priority into our educational system."

Cllr John Coonan

6. Questions

- (a) "Can the HSE outline what steps are being taken to improve capacity in our GP services in South Tipperary. In the report can the HSE outline how many GP positions are currently vacant in the area and for how long they have been vacant."

Cllr Declan Burgess

- (b) "Can the HSE provided an update on Primary Care unit in Youghal."

Cllr Mary Lenihan Foley

- (c) "Can the HSE outline the reasoning for withdrawing funding for the ADHD Ireland's Understanding and Managing Adult ADHD Programme (UMAAP) in 2024 and when and if they plan on reinstating funding for such a vital services."

Cllr Eileen Lynch

- (d) "That the HSE provides an update on the South Doc service in Listowel."

Cllr Michael Foley

- (e) "In light of the fact that both The District Hospital and St. Colomanus' in Killarney will soon be vacated due to the wonderful new facility currently being developed, that the HSE would outline the plans they have for the buildings"

Cllr John O'Donoghue

7. Date and Time of next meeting – 2nd May 2024 at 11am in Council Chambers, Cork County Council, Victoria Cross, Cork.