



HSE Board Briefing

Subject: Contract Award for Trauma Phase 1b at Mater Misericordiae University Hospital.

[Capital Ref: 11586& 11585A]

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Why is this information being brought to the Boards attention?

Approval of the HSE Board members is required as the contract is valued above €10m.

Is there an action by the Board required, if so please provide detail?

It is recommended that EMT, and thereafter ARC and the HSE Board, approve the contract award for the construction of the new proposed Trauma Phase 1b at the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital (MMUH) to the [REDACTED]

The cost of the contract is [REDACTED]

Please indicate which of the Board's objectives this relates to;

- The development and implementing of an effective Corporate Governance Framework, incorporating clinical governance and a performance management and accountability system;
- Developing a plan for building public trust and confidence in the HSE and the wider health service; **X**
- Ensuring the HSE's full support for and implementation of the Government's programme of health reform as set out in the Sláintecare Implementation Strategy; **X**
- Exercising effective budgetary management, including improving the value achieved with existing resources and securing target saving, with the objective of delivering the National Service Plan within Budget. **X**

Brief summary of link to Board objectives.

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Background - provide context in order to ensure that the Board fully understand the issue.

In 2015 the Minister for Health established a Trauma Policy for Ireland Steering Group to develop a trauma policy for Ireland. The Steering Group considered approaches to trauma care elsewhere, considered the needs of trauma patients in Ireland and developed recommendations for how their treatment can be improved.

The new Irish trauma system will consist of two trauma networks, the Central Trauma Network, and the Southern Trauma Network, as recommended by the National Trauma Strategy. Each trauma network will have a Major Trauma Centre ["MTC"] and a number of Trauma Units ["TU"]. The MTCs will provide the highest level of specialist trauma care to the most severely injured patients on a single hospital site.

The government approved in April 2021 the designation of the Mater Hospital as the Major Trauma Centre for the Central Trauma Network and the decision, announced by Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly TD, stated that this is a crucial step in the development of a national trauma system for Ireland. The EMT, ARC and the HSE Board previously considered and approved the proposal for Infrastructure to support the development of a MTC at MMUH at their meetings in March 2023.

In developing the MMUH as a MTC, the Hospital are progressing the development in 3 separate Phases / Projects:

1. **Phase 1A** – The proposed ED extension will provide for 3 trauma bays and CT, as well as access to interventional radiology services, through an equipment upgrade. **Phase 1 MTC is now complete.**

2. **Phase 1B** – The provision of 2 dedicated Trauma Theatres and diagnostics suite with additional MRI and CT diagnostic services which is required to support the Phase 1 MTC and to allow for 2 Trauma theatre cases to be treated at once. (Subject of this approval)

3. **Phase 2 - Full Trauma Building development consisting of:**
 - 20 bed Intensive Care Unit [ICU];
 - 120 Inpatient beds;
 - 4 Theatres [2 shelled] for expansion of the service, such as Neurosurgery and to allow for multiple Trauma cases to be treated at the same time;
 - Laboratory to replace current suboptimal facilities;
 - Emergency Department MTC expansion;
 - Additional diagnostic facilities; and
 - General Support, Facilities management and admin space.

Project Review Form 1 Approved Jan 2024 and Design Team appointed to progress project to Stage 1 and Preliminary Business Case – Capital Reference 11586 & 11585A

Tender Process

The project was procured under an EU restricted tender process to identify the most economically advantageous tender. The contract will be *Public Works Contract PW-CF1* for build works designed by the employer.

Interested contractors were invited to return completed Suitability Assessment Questionnaires [SAQ]. The SAQs were assessed by the Design Team, and four (4) Main Contractors were successfully prequalified for the project and were invited to tender.

The evaluation process previously concluded that [REDACTED] were the Most Economically Advantageous Tender [MEAT] for the Main Contract.

Rank	Name	Main Contract Tender Sums
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

The programme for the works is approximately 18 months from contract award.

Highlight any implications that the Board should be made aware of in its consideration such as;

Current status

Seeking Board approval to appoint Works Contractor.

Budget

The funding for this project has been included in the HSE Capital Plan 2024. The total estimated project cost is [REDACTED] for the design, construction, equipping, contingency and other costs associated with the project.

Resources

The new unit will be staffed from within existing WTE numbers.

Impact to delivery of services

The key principles underpinning the vision of the National Trauma System for Ireland: “A Trauma System for Ireland” is to deliver 4 key objectives (1) Patient Centred Services, (2) Patient Safety & Quality, (3) Whole System Approach and (4) Responsive & Adaptive.

Corporate Plan

The establishment of the Major Trauma centre in the Mater is aligned to the HSE Corporate Plan Objective 3 ‘*Improve scheduled care to enable more timely access and reduce the number of people waiting for services*’, and it is listed as a priority in the HSE National Service Plan 2024 and key priorities of the Department of Health ‘Statement of Strategy 2021-2023’.

Sláintecare

This proposal is aligned to the central programmes of the Sláintecare ‘Implementation Strategy and Action Plan 2021-2023’ and the National Trauma System for Ireland: “A Trauma System for Ireland” [“The National Trauma Strategy”] which outlines the vision for delivery of services.

Social factors [e.g., impact on specific area such as the elderly, disabilities]

A fully resourced Trauma System will, when implemented, save lives, and enhance the health, safety, and wellbeing of the population, through an organised system of injury prevention, pre-hospital care, acute care and rehabilitation. It will be fully integrated within the wider healthcare system and supported by other key sectors.

Technological factors

N/A

Legal factors

The standard Public Works Contract for Building Works designed by the Employer [PW-CF1] is being used.

Sustainability

The new Major Trauma Unit Phase 1B is designed to the latest standards to ensure the facility is delivered in compliance with the Governments Climate Action Plan, 2023 and The Climate Action and Low Carbon Development [Amendment] Bill, 2021.

Value for Money

The works contract has been competitively tendered and the tenders received reflect the current market rates for this scale of project in the area. The Most Economically Advantageous Tender [MEAT], namely the tender submitted by [REDACTED] has been evaluated by the Design Team as representing value for money in the current market.

Consultation – provide an outline for the Board of what service area have reviewed and support this proposal e.g. REO/SLT.

Ongoing consultation has taken place with the CEO of the Mater Hospital and the National Director Acute Operations who fully supported the Capital Submission Application for this project which has now been

approved, and as a result of which is now being recommended to EMT, ARC & Board for further approval on the basis that the contract is valued above €10m.

Conclusion

Not applicable

Recommendation

It is recommended that EMT, and thereafter ARC and the Board approve the proposal as outlined above.