

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held in the Boardroom of Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin on Wednesday, 11th December, 2013 at 4.30pm.

Some items have been redacted in line with the Freedom of Information Acts 1997 & 2003

Present

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin (Chairperson), Mr. John Hennessy, Mr. Lorcan Birthistle (Chief Executive), Mr. John Byrne, Mr. John Healy, Ms. Geraldine Hickey, Ms. Mary Kelly, Councillor Ruairi McGinley, Mr. Frank Magee, Councillor Michael O'Sullivan, Mr. Turlough O'Sullivan, Ms. Geraldine Regan, Dr. Sean Walsh & Mr. Paul White

In Attendance

Ms. Suzanne Allen, Dr. Colm Costigan, Ms. Sharon Hayden, Mr. Simon Moores, Dr. Billy Casey & Ms. Noreen Johnson

Dr. Jim Browne & Ms. Eilish Hardiman in attendance for 13.9.3 only

Apologies

Sr. Anna Kennedy & Mr. David Devlin

Conflict of Interest

No declarations of conflict of interest were declared.

13.11.1 Draft Minutes

Draft minutes of meetings held on 27th November, 2013, having been circulated, **WERE APPROVED** and signed by the Chairperson.

Action: Approved

13.11.2 Matters Arising

No matters for discussion.

13.11.3 Children's Hospital Group Board

Mr. J. Hennessy spoke to correspondence received Dr. Jim Browne, Chairperson of the Children's Hospital Group previously circulated seeking the Board's support, in principle, to progress possible governance arrangements for the group board and the future children's hospital. Mr. Hennessy reiterated that responsibility and accountability remains with the Board of Directors. Discussion took place concerning the future governance for paediatric services in Dublin as a single structure.

Dr. Jim Browne and Ms. Eilish Hardiman of the Children's Hospital Group, joined the meeting. Dr. Browne advised that the main focus of the Children's Hospital Group is to be the client of the new facility/facilities and to create initially a virtual hospital across 3 existing hospitals and to migrate those towards the new facility.

Dr. Browne and Ms. Hardiman outlined planned collaboration arrangements and broad discussion took place in relation to history; legacy; ethos; voluntary independent trust; change management process; trust status; integration; collaboration; accountability and due diligence.

Dr. Browne & Ms. Hardiman then left the meeting. Following discussion, the Board agreed, in principle, to progress possible governance arrangements for the group board and the future children's hospital as a single structure.

Action: L. Birthistle

13.11.4 Chief Executive's Verbal Report

13.11.4.1 (Redacted Minute)

13.11.5 Finance

Mr. S. Moores provided a brief update of the current financial position and advised that discussions continue with the HSE in relation to the funding requirement of €1.3m which is necessary to allow the hospital achieve breakeven status for 2013.

The hospital has not received any indication of 2014 funding to date. Income legislation for Money Follows the Patient is expected by 1 January 2014, however, Mr. Moores explained that implementation date is still awaited.

Action: S. Moores

13.11.6 European Working Time Directive (EWTD)

Ms. S. Allen advised that the priority of the hospital remains the achievement of 24 hour compliance. It is expected that the hospital will achieve compliance from January 2014 in almost all areas. The HSE has been informed of two areas where the EWTD will not be achieved. The Board were informed that full compliance of both areas will not be achieved due to a recruitment vacuum and an embargo on NCHD recruitment and that the HSE are aware of the hospital's position. A business case is being prepared to be submitted to the HSE.

Action: S. Allen

13.11.7 OLCCHC Quality Plan 2013

Ms. G. Regan informed the Board that the 2013 Quality Plan is now complete and will be brought to the Board meeting in January, 2014.

Action: G. Regan

13.11.8 (Redacted Minute)

13.11.9 Director of Finance

Mr. L. Birthistle advised the Board that Mr. John Cotter, qualified chartered accountant, and A/Director of Finance of St. James's Hospital has been seconded to the position of Director of Finance following the resignation of Mr. S. Moores. It was acknowledged that St. James's Hospital will continue to offer mentoring & support.

As S. Moores leaves to take up the position of Director of Finance of St. James's Hospital shortly, Mr. J. Hennessy & Mr. L. Birthistle, on behalf of the Board, expressed their appreciation and good wishes to Mr. Moores.

Action: Noted

13.11.10 Any Other Business

No business for discussion

There being no further business, the meeting then concluded.
Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 29th January, 2014, commencing at 4.30 p.m.