

## **Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held in the Boardroom of Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 at 4.30pm.**

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

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### **Present**

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

### **In Attendance**

Ms. Suzanne Allen, Dr. Billy Casey, Dr. Colm Costigan, Mr. John Cotter & Ms. Noreen Johnson  
*Ms. N. Callaghan, Mason Hayes & Curran in attendance for item 14.3.1 & 14.3.2 only*  
*Ms. E. Hardiman, Children's Hospital Group in attendance for part of item 14.3.2 only*

### **Apologies**

Mr. John Byrne & Ms. Geraldine Regan

### **Conflict of Interest**

No declarations of conflict of interest were declared.

#### **14.3.1 Draft Minutes**

Draft minutes of meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2014, having been circulated, **WERE APPROVED** and signed by the Chairperson.

**Action: Approved**

#### **14.3.2 Redacted**

#### **14.3.3 Children's Hospital Group**

Ms. E. Hardiman joined the meeting and spoke to paper entitled "Children's Hospital Group Integration Steering Committee 3 as 1 – Integration Structure and Plan", previously circulated. A detailed discussion took place in relation to the integration of the three children's hospitals, development of a service integration plan, corporate and clinical governance structure, communication & funding for integration.

Ms. Hardiman left the meeting.

**Redacted**

#### **14.3.4 Chief Executive's Report**

##### **Mr. L. Birthistle spoke to:**

Chief Executive's Report March, 2014, was presented by Mr. L. Birthistle and discussion took place concerning:

##### **14.3.4.1 Redacted**

##### **14.3.4.2 Redacted**

##### **14.3.4.3 Hybrid Cardiac Catheterisation Laboratory**

Mr. Birthistle advised of a separate issue of dispute between the hospital and the HSE relating to the weighting of quality versus price for the procurement of the catheterisation laboratory. The Chief Executive & Clinical Director are meeting with the HSE on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2014.

**Action: L. Birthistle**

Councillor R. McGinley left the meeting.

##### **14.3.4.4 Redacted**

##### **Ms. S. Allen spoke to:**

##### **14.3.4.5 EWTD**

The hospital has written to the HSE to seek clarity concerning the rationale for the funding reduction of €35K in March 2014 due to non-compliance. Ms. Allen spoke to breakdown report of non-compliant specialties, previously circulated, and the rationales for same.

##### **14.3.4.6 Employment Controls**

The Board directed that a plan be submitted to the HSE based on the restriction of services to allow for the removal of 70 WTE's to enable compliance with head count by year end as required by the HSE Annual Compliance Statement.

**Action: L. Birthistle**

##### **Mr. L. Birthistle spoke to:**

#### **14.3.4.7 SDU Scheduled Care**

Mr. Birthistle advised that the hospital continues to work on areas in breach of waiting times, i.e. Orthopaedic Spines, Sleep Studies and Cardiac Catheterisation.

**Action: Noted**

#### **14.3.4.8 OLCCH Quality Plan 2013**

Mr. Birthistle advised that the updated quality plan has been reviewed with the HSE. Progress reports will be provided to the Board.

**Action: G. Regan**

**Mr. J. Cotter spoke to:**

#### **14.3.4.9 Budget 2013/2014**

Mr. Cotter advised of a projected deficit of €2.4m for 2014. The deficit is driven entirely by pay costs. A significant exercise was undertaken to determine the level of cost saving as a result of Haddington Road Agreement (HRA). Discussions are ongoing with the HSE pertaining to the outcome of HRA savings.

**Action: J. Cotter**

#### **14.3.4.10 Deputy Chairman**

The Chairman announced that the Deputy Chairman, Mr. John Hennessy, will not be available to serve a second three year term. Mr Hennessy's term of office will cease on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014. The Chairman will contact board members individually concerning a nomination for Deputy Chairman and Board representative on the Children's Hospital Group Board.

**Action: Chairman**

#### **14.3.5 Finance Committee**

No update

#### **14.3.6 Audit & Non-Clinical Risk Committee**

No update.

Mr. D. Devlin left the meeting.

#### **14.3.7 Governance & Nominations Committee**

Chairman Mr. T. O'Sullivan advised that the committee is undertaking a very comprehensive agenda.

**Action: T. O'Sullivan**

#### **14.3.8 Any Other Business**

N/A

There being no further business, the meeting then concluded.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2014, commencing at 10 a.m. in Archbishop's House