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AGENDA ITEM	TIME	DISCUSSION POINTS			ACTION
Present:		Archbishop Diarmuid Martin (Chair) Mr. David Devlin Ms. Mary Kelly Mr. Frank Magee Ms. Geraldine Regan	Mr. John Hennessy (Deputy Chair) Mr. John Healy Sr. Anna Kennedy Cllr. Michael O’Sullivan Dr. Sean Walsh	Mr. Lorcan Birthistle (CEO) Ms. Geraldine Hickey Cllr. Ruairi McGinley Mr. Turlough O’Sullivan Mr. Paul White	
In attendance:		Dr. Billy Casey Mr. Simon Moores	Dr. Colm Costigan Ms. Pamela McDonald	Ms. Suzanne Allen Ms. Noreen Johnson	
Apologies:		Mr. John Byrne			
Financial Statements 2012	8am	Mr. D. Devlin spoke to valuation report undertaken by the State Property Valuation Agency which has resulted in a non-cash impairment. He advised that the Property Valuation Agency met with members of the Audit Committee on 20 th August, 2013, to discuss the impairment arising from the revaluation of the hospitals plant and buildings. Mr. D. Devlin outlined the issues discussed & advised that the Audit & Non Clinical Risk Committee recommends that the revised accounts, reflecting the impairment, be adopted by the Board. IT WAS AGREED to adopt the Financial Statements 2012.			Agreed
Redacted	8.45am				
Risk	9am	Discussion took place concerning how the Board assesses & understands the level of risk it governs. A lengthy discussion took place concerning the risk indicators associated with the hospital’s positive outcomes despite inadequate staff ratios, reduced funding and increased waiting lists. Mr. L. Birthistle outlined to the Board the risk management mechanisms currently in the hospital. (Redacted) It was also noted that the Audit Committee has increasing concern that the internal audit function is committed to alternative roles.			L. Birthistle Noted

		The Board also requested the Internal Auditor to issue an ongoing generic report on raising concern incidents in the hospital.	P. McDonald
Site & Assets	10.30am	The Board considered how the site & assets of the company will be used when the New Children's Hospital opens. A discussion ensued concerning the transition from Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin to the New Children's Hospital. It was noted that the ownership of the site of Crumlin Hospital belongs to the Board of Directors. As a charity with a specific terms of reference, the Board requested the Company Secretary to identify the assets of the hospital at end of life.	P. McDonald
Research	11am	<p>The Board noted that the mission of the hospital is driven by quality health care supported by excellence in Knowledge, Education and Research.</p> <p>In discussing the Board's relationship with research, the hospital's relationship with research bodies & universities was considered. The Board recognised the importance of establishing a structured relationship with the National Children's Research Council. The Board noted that the Chief Executive is asking a small group of senior clinical staff to consider research in the hospital and to prepare a paper for consideration.</p>	L. Birthistle
Finance	11.30am	The Board considered establishing a stable platform for financial planning in dealing with the current model of funding from the HSE. Mr. S. Moores advised the Board that following the Haddington Road Agreement, the hospital will now receive a further €2m reduction in financial allocation for 2013, of which €1m is undeliverable. The Board reiterated its concern surrounding the reduction in funding from the HSE with the expectation of service continuity. This matter will be discussed in detail by the Finance Committee.	J. Hennessy/S. Moores
AOB	11.55am	<p>Board Agendas</p> <p>Mr. L. Birthistle made a recommendation to the Board that specific agenda items will be taken on alternate months to allow for further discussion of the topics. This matter will be considered by the Board.</p>	BOD