

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held in the Boardroom of Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin on Wednesday, 27th November, 2013 at 4.30pm.

Present

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin (Chairperson), Mr. John Hennessy, Mr. Lorcan Birthistle (Chief Executive), 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, Ms. Sharon Hayden, Mr. Simon Moores & Dr. Colm Costigan.

Apologies

Mr. John Byrne, Mr. David Devlin & Sr. Anna Kennedy.

Conflict of Interest

No declarations of conflict of interest were declared.

13.10.1 Draft Minutes

Draft minutes of meeting held on 30th October, 2013, 2013, having been circulated, **WERE APPROVED** and signed by the Chairperson.

Action: Approved

13.10.2 Matters Arising

Nil.

13.10.3

Redacted Minute

13.10.4 Chief Executive's Report

Chief Executive's Report for November, 2013 was presented to the meeting by Mr. Birthistle & the Corporate Management Team:

Mr. L. Birthistle spoke to:

13.10.4.1

Redacted Minute

13.10.4.2 National Paediatric Hospital

Discussion took place pertaining to the attendance of the Chair and Chief Executive of the Children's Hospital Group at the next Board meeting in December.

Action: L. Birthistle

13.10.4.3 Research

The development of a Research Strategy, previously circulated, was discussed. The recommendations contained were **APPROVED** by the Board.

Action: Approved

13.10.4.4 Northern Ireland Paediatric Congenital Cardiac Surgery

Mr. L. Birthistle provided an update pertaining to recent discussions with the Chief Executive of the Children's Hospital Group. The hospital has received a further request for additional cardiac services for 2014 from the Northern Ireland Service Commissioner.

Action: L. Birthistle

13.10.4.5 High Court Ruling

Mr. L. Birthistle spoke to recent High Court ruling in respect of a Medical Council decision and his correspondence with the Chief Executive of the Medical Council.

Action: L. Birthistle

Ms. Suzanne Allen spoke to:

13.10.4.6 EWTD

Ms. S. Allen advised that the hospital continues to meet with Consultants & Non Consultant Hospital Doctors in the preparation of a business case for the HSE. Priority attention is being maintained with non-compliant specialties to achieve HSE Standards.

Action: Noted

Ms. Sharon Hayden spoke to:

13.10.4.7 SDU – Out-Patient/Inpatient/Day Case Care

Ms. S. Hayden provided a summary of the national out-patient waiting list validation exercise. It was confirmed that the HSE has provided extra funding of €1.3m to carry out additional activity. At a recent meeting with the HSE National Director of Acute Hospitals, the HSE was informed that reaching particular national targets by year end remained challenging for the hospital.

Action: Noted

Ms. Geraldine Regan spoke to:

13.10.4.8 HIQA/HSE Audits (PCHCAI)

Updated Quality Improvement Plans following HSE Audit and HIQA inspection, previously circulated, were discussed.

13.10.4.9 JACIE Accreditation

Ms. G. Regan provided an update on the recent JACIE Accreditation for the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit. The hospital awaits the outcome of their report.

Action: G. Regan

Mr. Simon Moores spoke to:

13.10.4.10 Budget 2013

Mr. S. Moores advised that the hospital received additional once off funding pertaining to oncology drugs, SDU & Quality & Clinical Care bringing the revenue allocation to €116.185m. Mr. Moores provided an update in relation to the recent IMR meeting which took place with the HSE on 18th November, 2013.

13.10.4.11

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13.10.4.12 Cash Flow 2013

Mr. S. Moores confirmed that the hospital is showing a current cash flow deficit of approximately €1.6m. Mr. Moores also noted to the Board that the HSE, on the instruction of the Department of Expenditure and Reform, has reduced the overdraft facility available to the hospital.

Action: J. Hennessy/S. Moores

13.10.5 Finance Committee

Mr. J. Hennessy advised that no meeting has taken place since the last Board meeting.

Action: Noted

13.10.6 Audit & Non-Clinical Risk Committee

The terms of reference of the Audit & Non-Clinical Risk Committee, previously circulated, were **APPROVED**.

Action: Approved

13.10.7 Governance & Nominations Committee

Mr. T. O'Sullivan reported that no meeting has taken place since the last Board meeting.

Action: Noted

13.10.8 Any Other Business

13.10.8.1 Ethics Medical Research Committee Nominations

The Board **APPROVED** the nominations of Dr. Barry Lyons and Prof. Owen Smith as new members of the Ethics Medical Research Committee.

Action: Approved

13.10.8.2 Consultant Appointments

Consultant appointments November, 2013 was noted.

Interviews for Consultant Paediatrician with a special interest in Child Community Health are taking place on 29th November, 2013.

13.10.8.3 BOD Meeting Dates 2014

Meeting dates for 2014, previously circulated, were **APPROVED**.

There being no further business, the meeting then concluded.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 11th December, 2013, commencing at 4.30 p.m.