



ASSOCIATION OF HOSPITAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES

AHCE Annual Conference on 21st May 2009

Present:

Aidan Gleeson, CEO, Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital
Gerard O'Callaghan, AHCE Honorary Treasurer, CEO, South Infirmary Victoria Hospital
Ethel McKenna, AHCE Honorary Secretary, CEO, St. Francis Hospice
Lorcan Birthistle, CEO, Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children
Liam Duffy, CEO, Beaumont Hospital
Pat Smyth, CEO, Leopardstown Park Hospital
Michael Lenihan, CEO, National Maternity Hospital
Pat O'Boyle, CEO, National Maternity Hospital
Mo Flynn, CEO, Our Lady's Hospice
Tim Kennelly, CEO, St. John's Hospital
Aida Whyte, CEO, Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital
Ann Broekhoven, CEO, St. Luke's Hospital
Kevin O'Dwyer, CEO, St. Patrick's Hospital
Pauline Treanor, CEO, The Rotunda Hospital
Robin Mullan, CEO, Peamount Hospital
Paul Cunniffe, CEO, Children's Hospital Temple Street
Brian Murray, CEO, Dublin Dental Hospital

Apologies:

Derek Greene, AHCE Chair, CEO, National Rehabilitation Hospital
Nicky Jermyn, CEO, St. Vincent's University Hospital
Ned Byrne, CEO, St. Vincent's Hospital
Patrick Madden, CEO, Mercy University Hospital
Graham Knowles, CEO, Royal Hospital Donnybrook
Theresa Ayres, CEO, Orthopaedic Hospital of Ireland
Michael Lyons, CEO, Adelaide and Meath Hospital
Paul Kiely, CEO, Central Remedial Clinic
John Ryan, CEO, Coombe Women's Hospital
Brian Conlon, CEO, Mater Misericordiae Hospital
Eddie Ryan, CEO, St. Patrick's Centre
Pat Quinlan, CEO, Milford Care Centre

1. **Welcome by Deputy Chairman, Mr. Aidan Gleeson.**
Mr. Aidan Gleeson welcomed the CEOs to the AHCE Annual Conference 2009.

2. **Members Update from AHCE Executive Committee.**

Performance Related Award (PRA)

Acknowledged this is a matter for our individual Boards. In some cases, the PRA has already been paid and approved for Year 2008. Some CEOs declined to accept and this is a personal decision for individual CEOs.

Letter dated 15th May 2009 received from Bernard Carey, Department of Health and Children, indicating that in the current serious state of the public finances, payments under this awards scheme should be suspended.

Professional Competence Steering Committee – Medical Council.

Our representative is Mo Flynn. Continuing professional development. Three elements being reviewed: (1) Continuous Medical Education; (2) Clinical Audit. (3) 360° Clinical Assessment.

Finances and Annual Membership Fees

AHCE Treasurer, Ger O'Callaghan, advised that in general finances are satisfactory. The Annual subscription letter will issue in the next week or so.

3. Guest Speaker : Mr. Peter McLoone, IMPACT General Secretary

Aidan welcomed Peter McLoone to the Conference.

Peter addressed a number of areas, including the following:

- (i) Unemployment
- (ii) Collapse of defined benefit pension schemes
- (iii) Public services / employment
- (iv) Moratorium on replacement of staff
- (v) Incentivised Early Retirement Scheme
- (vi) Incentivised Career Break Scheme
- (vii) Pension levy
- (viii) Possible taxation of retirement lump sums
- (ix) PRA Scheme . Suspension for Year 2009

ETHEL MCKENNA
HONORARY SECRETARY - AHCE