

NOTES OF ANNUAL AHCE CONFERENCE 4TH MAY 2005

River Court Hotel, Kilkenny

Invited Presentations

Mr. Michael Lyons, Chief Officer, HSE Eastern Region, presented on the reform programme to date and the developing structures within the HSE including the relationship between the HSE and the voluntary hospitals sector. The presentation was very informative and widely appreciated by the members.

General Meeting

Case Mix

A wide-ranging discussion took place regarding the issue of case mix and the importance of the Association's involvement in its development. It was agreed that Mr. Fintan Fagan and Mr. Gerard O'Callaghan should lead the Association's involvement in this area including the proposal of a special workshop.

Reform Programme

It was noted that correspondence has been sent to the Tanaiste regarding the Association's involvement in the Reform Programme.

Membership

A discussion took place considering the terms for membership of the Association. It was agreed that the current terms remain and will be reviewed within 12 months.

HSE

The chairman will write, on behalf of the Association, to the incoming CEO of the HSE welcoming him to the role and assuring him of the commitment of the Association to the development of the highest standard of health service.

Conditions

The importance of maintaining appropriate links within Buckley 39 was emphasised. A meeting will be arranged at a senior level with IMPACT. Follow up will take place in respect of PRP.

Budgetary Environment

A general discussion took place regarding the difficulty of delivering existing level of patient services within the budgetary constraints placed upon the individual hospitals.

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