

AHCE EXECUTIVE MEETING

11TH JUNE 2007

PRESENT: Derek Greene, AHCE Chair / National Rehabilitation Hospital.
Ethel McKenna, AHCE Honorary Secretary / St. Francis Hospice.
Gerard O'Callaghan, AHCE Hon.Treasurer / South Infirmary Victoria Hosp.
Tim Kennelly, St. John's Hospital.
Aida Whyte, Royal Victoria Eye & Ear Hospital.
Graham Knowles, Royal Hospital Donnybrook.
Michael Lenihan, National Maternity Hospital.

APOLOGIES: Aidan Gleeson, Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital.
Michael Lyons, Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children
Liam Duffy, Beaumont Hospital.

Update on Meetings.

Derek Greene, Aidan Gleeson and Tim Kennelly met with Martin McDonald and John O'Brien, H.S.E., to discuss: (1) Consultants Contract; (2) Grade 8 Circular and (3) Performance Related Awards Scheme. A meeting was also held with Deirdre Walsh of the Health Reform Unit of the Department of Health on 14th May 2007 on the P.R.A. issue.

. Consultants Contract

The June 2007 pay increase is not being paid to the Consultants at this time. However, it was noted that in general the Consultants are co-operating in all areas, except with the proposed new Consultant posts.

. Grade 8 Circular

There was no detailed discussion on this matter.

. Performance Related Awards Scheme

Letters received from Bernard Carey dated 26.3.2007 and from Deirdre Walsh dated 27.5.2007 were noted. The request from Deirdre Walsh that the Association would act as co-ordinator in obtaining and submitting to the Department of Health details of the PRA payment records for Years 2005 and 2006 was noted. It was considered that we should facilitate this request and it was agreed to seek the agreement of the AHCE Members at our AGM on 14th June, 2007.

2. 4% Award – Review Body Report.

A number of meetings held with Peter McLoone on this matter. Derek Green and Aidan Gleeson also met with Martin McDonald and John O'Brien. The importance of maintaining the pay relationship link with the new Network Manager Grade (formerly Programme Manager) was emphasised. Peter McLoone is advancing the case of behalf of the AHCE. Efforts ongoing to have this resolved quickly and in advance of the next Review.

3. AHCE Annual Conference – 14th June 2007

Michael Lyons was the contact with Brendan Drumm's office and all arrangements are in place at this stage for the Conference.

4. Next Meeting of AHCE Executive

The next meeting of the AHCE Executive will take place on Tuesday, 4th September 2007 commencing at 12.30 pm. Tea and coffee to be served at the next meeting.