



## ASSOCIATION OF HOSPITAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES

# AHCE EXECUTIVE MEETING

## 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2012

---

**PRESENT:** Derek Greene, AHCE Chair / National Rehabilitation Hospital  
Ethel McKenna, AHCE Honorary Secretary / St. Francis Hospice  
Gerard O'Callaghan, Hon. Treasurer / South Infirmery Victoria Hospital  
Pauline Treanor, Rotunda Hospital  
Danny Dunne, Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital  
Pat O'Boyle, Dublin Dental University Hospital  
Liam Duffy, Beaumont Hospital  
Lorcan Birthistle, Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin

**APOLOGIES:** Graham Knowles, Royal Hospital Donnybrook  
Robin Mullan, Peamount Healthcare

---

### MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2012

The Executive agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

### MATTERS ARISING

Under Any Other Business, the second bullet-point should read, "Congratulations were extended to Ger O'Callaghan on attaining his Ph.D. on Measuring Hospital Performance."

### FINANCE DIRECTORS

Discussion on payment of pensions and lump sums for staff who retired in February 2012. Funding not forthcoming from the HSE and some hospitals are not in a position to pay. Concern is that some hospitals are reducing services to patients because of the statutory requirement to pay pensions and lump sums to staff. The voluntary hospitals need to make a stand in relation to any proposed future early retirement schemes. Proposed that the Association would write to Cathal Magee and copy to the four RDOs and Dr. Ambrose McLoughlin, Secretary General, Department of Health. A letter to be drafted by Ger, Danny and Pauline. Raise this matter with IBEC as the situation has serious impacts on hospital cash flows.

### H.R. MANAGERS

The H.R. Managers are to meet later this week.

### PATIENT SERVICES MANAGERS GROUPS

There has been no recent meeting with this Group.

**RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN IBEC AND THE VOLUNTARY HOSPITALS GROUP**

Derek referred to a recent e-mail from Siobhan Masterson dated 26<sup>th</sup> May 2012, which he will circulate to the Executive Committee. He gave an outline of the overall content.

**PROPOSED NEW HEALTHCARE STRUCTURES**

The consultation document is not available as of yet. A group is to be formed within the Department of Health to look at making progress on the groupings and Directorates. The document prepared by Graham Knowles and CEO colleagues needs further consideration. In due course it will be forwarded to CEOs and a copy to IBEC for review by them. When the consultation document is available, there will be a final review of our CEOs document, prior to submission to the Department of Health.

**UPDATE OF WORK PROGRAMME WITH IBEC**

This matter is ongoing.

**SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT**

This is being progressed by individual hospitals.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no matters raised under any other business.

**NEXT MEETING OF AHCE EXECUTIVE**

The next meeting of the AHCE Executive will take place on **Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at 12.00 noon** in IBEC.

---

**ETHEL MCKENNA,  
AHCE HONORARY SECRETARY.**