

AHCE EXECUTIVE MEETING

6TH MARCH 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.
Aidan Gleeson, Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital.
Michael Lenihan, National Maternity Hospital.
Liam Duffy, Beaumont Hospital.
Michael Lyons, Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children.

APOLOGIES: Graham Knowles, Royal Hospital Donnybrook.

1. Performance Related Awards Scheme – 4% Increase.

Letter received from Martin McDonald, H.S.E., dated 26th February, 2007 was noted. Agreed that Aidan Gleeson would meet with Peter McLoone, IMPACT, at an early date. The pay relationship for the Group One Chief Executives was made with the Programme Manager (now Network Manager) Grade following discussions and adjudication and that relationship must be maintained.

Confirmation to be sought that the 4% award in the Review Body Report will be sanctioned. There were strong views expressed that this must be granted. Aidan will seek advice of Peter McLoone regarding arbitration by a third party, if not resolved. Efforts will be made to have this dealt with quickly and to finality. P.R.A. template used last year should be repeated and signed off with individual Hospital Board approval.

2. Disciplinary Procedure for Employees of the H.S.E.

Aidan Gleeson and Derek Greene have met with Brendan Mulligan, HSE EA and it has been confirmed that this new Disciplinary Procedure applies only to employees of the H.S.E. and not to the Voluntary Hospitals.

3. Review of Management Structures and Staff Retention.

It was agreed that a special meeting of the Executive would be held on 3rd April 2007 at 11.30 a.m. in IBEC to discuss this one matter. Consider IBEC to commission a body such as Hay to work with us as a Steering Group. Also beneficial to get IBEC on board with us and Aidan Gleeson will speak with Maria Cronin, Director with IBEC.

4. Annual Conference 2007.

Agreed that the Annual Conference would be held on 17th May in the River Court Hotel, Kilkenny, commencing at 2.00 p.m. Dinner will be held on the evening of 17th May. Following discussion, it was agreed that Michael Lyons would approach Professor Brendan Drumm to invite him to be our Guest Speaker for the Conference. Conference Fee will remain at €120 for 2007.

ETHEL MCKENNA
AHCE HONORARY SECRETARY