



ASSOCIATION OF HOSPITAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES

AHCE EXECUTIVE MEETING

7TH JUNE 2011

PRESENT: Derek Greene, AHCE Chair / National Rehabilitation Hospital
Ethel McKenna, AHCE Honorary Secretary / St. Francis Hospice
Gerard O'Callaghan, AHCE Hon. Treasurer / South Infirmery Victoria Hosp.
Danny Dunne, Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital
Pauline Treanor, Rotunda Hospital
Pat O'Boyle, Dublin Dental University Hospital
Graham Knowles, Royal Hospital Donnybrook
Robin Mullan, Peamount Hospital

APOLOGIES: Liam Duffy, Beaumont Hospital
Lorcan Birthistle, Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD ON 1ST MARCH 2011

The Executive agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 1st March 2011.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

PROCUREMENT

Pauline Treanor referred to surgical items costing more under the new national purchasing contract and some specialised equipment are also more expensive. The HPSG have had discussions with Brian Gilroy. Pricing differences should be routed to the HSE through Tim Carey, HPSG. There were concerns that savings may not be achieved and some funds need to be put back into the voluntary hospitals. A percentage of any savings achieved would revert to the voluntary agencies, via Beaumont Hospital, for distribution to the hospitals involved. Liam Duffy is Chair of the HPSG.

P.R.A.

Now finalised and letters issued from the Department of Health, and the RDOs in the HSE approved the payments for increase to be re-instated, replacing the P.R.A.

HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGERS GROUP

Derek Greene will link in with the H.R. Group, replacing Aidan Gleeson.

Work done by the H.R. Managers Group on the VR and VER Schemes has been very worthwhile and has been submitted to IBEC.

FINANCE DIRECTORS GROUP

The Finance Directors have had one meeting only. Ger O'Callaghan will link in with this group, when they arrange to meet. A change of Chair is required, as Nick Kelly is now Acting CEO in Leopardstown Park Hospital.

PATIENT SERVICES MANAGERS GROUP

Graham Knowles will meet with the Patient Services Manager Group, as the AHCE link. A meeting date to be arranged.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

An update could be given in the 30 minute period prior to IBEC quarterly meetings, or alternatively could take place at the start of each IBEC meeting. Circulation of written updates would be helpful. Agreed to pilot this and see how it works.

CONSULTANT APPOINTMENTS (PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS SERVICE)

In practice, option to fill posts through hospitals only has been given by the Public Appointments Service. However a difficulty is the delay in receiving the letter of approval for appointment from the C.A.C.

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN IBEC AND THE VOLUNTARY HOSPITALS GROUP

Meeting with Cathal Magee is to be arranged via IBEC. The membership profile needs to be finalised and Siobhan Masterson is pushing for this to be completed.

VR AND VER SCHEMES

It will be Autumn before any new Scheme will be made available, if at all. Some issues remain to be resolved around funding, staffing and moratorium.

AHCE APPLICATIONS

Applications from Ronan Gavin, National Maternity Hospital, and Danny Dunne, Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, were approved.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Brief discussion took place on the HSE Clinical Programme and the HSE Common Recruitment Pool. This involves staff from voluntary hospitals relocating to work in various roles within the HSE, without any grade promotion.

NEXT MEETING OF AHCE EXECUTIVE

The next meeting of the AHCE Executive will take place on **Tuesday, 6th September 2011** at **12.30 p.m.** in IBEC.

ETHEL MCKENNA,
AHCE HONORARY SECRETARY.