

WESTERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COUNCIL

Minutes of One Hundred and Thirty-ninth meeting of the
Western Health and Social Services Council
held in the Fir Trees Hotel, 47 Derry Road, Strabane, Co Tyrone
on Wednesday 4 May 2005
at 6.00PM

Present:	Mr P McGowan (Chair) Mrs A Bell Mrs V Brown Miss M Burke Mr J Campbell	Mrs M Devlin Mr E Friel Mr I Maguire Mr V McKelvey Ms M Trimble
Apologies:	Mr H Andrews Mr M Carten Mr P Gilgunn Mrs M Hamilton Mr B McAleer	Mr R McKelvey Mrs H Quigley Ms F Robson Mr R Rogan
In Attendance:	Ms M Reilly	Mrs K Loughran

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C33/05 Chairman's Business:

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He wished all the Councillors who were standing for re-election to their local Council best wishes.

Mr McGowan informed members that all elected representatives who currently sit on the Western Health and Social Council regardless of the outcome of the elections will remain as members of the Health Council until 31 July 2005.

The Chairman said that since the last WHSS Council meeting himself and the Chief Officer had met with the Chief Executives and Chairs of Altnagelvin Hospitals Trust and Foyle Health and Social Services Trust and agreed quarterly meeting points between Trusts and the Council in light of the WHSS Council taking a decision not to have a representative attending their Trust Board or Clinical and Social Care Governance meetings. A number of other issues regarding communication were also considered.

C34/05 **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 6 April 2005 were adopted on the proposal of Mrs Marie Devlin and seconded by Mr Victor McKelvey subject to the following amendment Typing error on Page 9 line repeated "that the press reports had indicated".

C35/05 **Matters Arising from Minutes of February 2005 meeting:**

Response to Action Points AP: a/04/05 – h/04/05:

Action Point AP: a/04/05 Amendment in Minutes of March Meeting.

The minute of the March meeting was amended to show that Mr Ignatius Maguire had been in attendance.

Action Point AP: b/04/05 Malicious Fire at Renal Unit under construction at Altnagelvin Area Hospital.

The Chairman reported that discussions were held with Altnagelvin Area Hospital Trust Officers and they had assured him that there were adequate security arrangements on the site. They had informed him that the Contractor was responsible for securing the site and also for the damage caused to it. The Contractor has recruited extra staff to ensure that the work would be completed as near as possible to the original completion date. The Trust were confident that this would be the case.

Congratulations were extended to Altnagelvin Trust and to the Contractor for their work on this issue.

Action Points AP: c/04/05 Orthopaedic and MRI Scans and d/04/05 Autism.

Dates for meetings of the Working Groups set up to look at these issues in more detail will be arranged to take place during June/July .

Action Point AP: a/05/05

Dates for meetings to be arranged.

Action Point AP: e/04/05 Review of Public Administration.

A copy of the Consultation document has been sent to all members.

Action Points AP: f/04/05 and g/04/05 Current and Future Services at South West Acute Hospital and Local Hospital.

Dr Kelly and Dr Russell Sperrin Lakeland Trust and WHSS Board Officers have been invited to attend the Western Health and Social Services Council Workshop on 17 May 2005.

The Chief Officer said that Dr Russell is on annual leave until 31 May 2005 and will be unable to attend. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with Dr Russell when he returns from leave.

Action Point AP: b/05/05

Meeting to be arranged with Dr Russell.

The document "A Summary of current and future services - South West Acute Hospital & Local Hospital" prepared by Western Health and Social Services Board was printed in colour and re-issued to all members.

Mr Joe Campbell suggested that Dr Maginness Consultant Anaesthetist at Tyrone County Hospital should attend in Dr Russell's place. It was agreed that the Chief Officer and Chair would arrange to meet with a number of interested individuals throughout the coming weeks. This was in order to have a better understanding of the concerns and implications of the proposed service re-design.

Action Point AP: h/04/05 Retirement of Eastern Health and Social Services Council's Chief Officer:

A letter was sent to Mrs Jane Graham on the occasion of her retirement as Chief Officer of the Eastern Health and Social Services Council.

Updates from Previous Minutes:

The Inquiry into Hyponatraemia-related Deaths:

The Chief Officer informed members that the written evidence section on the Hyponatraemia Website is not yet active.

Business Support Manager:

The Chief Officer said the advertisement for the post of Business Support Manager was in the Belfast Telegraph on Tuesday 3 May 2005. The closing date for applications is 20 May 2005.

WHSSC Council Budget for 2005/06:

The Budget for 2005/06 will be made up of £126,000 from the Department with £28,000 from Western Health and Social Services Board to cover the post of Business Support Manager. Any costs associated with the post will come out of the Council's Budget.

Independent Inquiry Panel:

Ms Reilly said that the Independent Inquiry Panel on a case of homicide in the Eastern Health and Social Services Board area on which she sits may continue up until September. She wished to make members aware that it could take at least two working days per week of commitment on her part.

Infection Control Workshop:

Members were reminded that a Joint Council Infection Control Workshop is being held in the William Legge Room, Ground Floor, Malone House, Barnett's Demesne, Shaw's Bridge, Belfast on Tuesday 24 May 2005 at 10.30am - 12.30pm.

C36/05 **Workshops (17 May 2005)**

The Chief Officer said that it was extremely important that members should make every effort to attend the Workshop to be held on 17 May 2005 which will discuss the Review of Public Administration and the current and future Services at the new South West Acute Hospital and the Local Hospital.

C37/05 **Update on 4 Council Working Group**

The Chief Officer updated members on the 4 Council Working Group.

C38/05 **Trusts' Business:**

1. ***Altnagelvin Hospitals Health and Social Service Trust:***

- Minutes of the Trust Board meeting held on 3 March 2005 and Agenda for a meeting to be held on 7 April 2005 were noted.

2. ***Foyle Health and Social Services Trust:***

- Minutes of the Trust Board meeting held on 25 March 2005 and Agenda for a meeting to be held on 29 April 2005 and were noted.
- A copy of the Trust's magazine 'Foyle Times' Spring 2005 was acknowledged.

3. ***Sperrin Lakeland Health and Social Care Trust:***

- Laminated Charts for Reporting Procedures and Flowchart for the management of adverse incidents within ward/department/facility were noted.
 - A copy of the Trust's Core Brief April 2005 was acknowledged.
4. *The Royal Group of Hospitals and Dental Hospital HSS Trust:*
- Minutes of the Trust Board meeting held on 3 March 2005 and Agenda for a meeting to be held on 5 May 2005 were noted.
 - Outline Business Case Papers for Development of the regional Pharmaceutical Specials Manufacturing Services and for the provision of a receipt and distribution centre Royal Victoria Hospital redevelopment were noted.
5. *Green Park Healthcare Trust:*
- Minutes of the Trust Board meeting held on 7 April 2005 and Agenda for a meeting to be held on 5 May 2005 and were noted.
6. *Belfast City Hospital Trust:*
- A copy of the Trust's Newsletter 'Cityview' Issue 61 May 2005 was acknowledged.

C39/05 **Any Other Business:**

The Chief Officer reminded members she was a member of the Risk and Governance Review Group set up to review the risk and governance arrangements in Sperrin Lakeland Trust. This group is made up of Senior Directors from the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, the Western Health and Social Services Board and from Sperrin Lakeland Trust.

Ms Reilly said the Clinical Governance Support Team (Modernisation Agency NHS UK) were commissioned to undertake the work. She said that a detailed report will be available shortly which as Phase I of the review will look at anaesthetics and critical care services. The Trust Board will then have to formulate an action plan based on the findings of the report. Ms Reilly said the WHSS Council will want to monitor the implementation of the action plan.

The Chief Officer reminded members that if they required a copy of any correspondence as listed in their package it was available by contacting the office.

The Chairman updated members on the Pharmacy Practice Committees and said he believed Council members who sit on these can have an influence on decisions taken and said it was worthwhile they continue to participate on these committees.

Mr McGowan proposed that the Chief Officer write to all of the Council members that sit on the Pharmacy Practice Committee who might benefit from a half day workshop. This should focus on how best to represent the community interest and offer guidance regarding the legal status of the decisions made by the Pharmacy Practices Committee.

Action AP: c/05/05

Workshop to be arranged.

Mr McGowan raised a concern about the Out of Hours Service based in the Outpatients Department Tyrone County Hospital. He explained that the Out of Hours Department is at the back of hospital. However if a patient is referred from Out of Hours to either Accident and Emergency or X-ray Department or vice versa they have to travel all the way round to an alternative entrance. Between 9.00am and 5.00pm there is a much closer access between Out Patients and Accident and Emergency. This could cause problems for the elderly, parents with young children or patients on foot.

The Chairman said there was also a problem with the Out of Hours Service in Strabane where patients have to enter via a gate at the side of the building which is poorly lit.

Ms Mary Burke said she wished to acknowledge the excellent service at the Enniskillen Out of Hours based at the Erne Hospital which she had attended recently with a relative.

The Chairman and Chief Officer agreed to look at both the Strabane and Omagh Out of Hours premises following which they would raise any concerns with Family Practitioner Services Unit at the Board.

Action Point AP: d/05/05

Chair and Chief Officer to visit Out of Hours premises.

Mrs Ann Bell raised a concern she had with Occupational Therapists employed by Foyle Trust. She was asked by a client in her capacity as a public representative to be present at a meeting involving the client and their OT. The OT refused to have any discussion while Mrs Bell was present. Mrs Bell feels clients are being victimised and their rights to have whoever they want present are not respected.

Action Point AP: e/05/05

Mrs Bell to contact Chief Officer with further details.

Meetings and Events attended by Members for period 5/4/05 – 4/5/05

Date: 13 April 2005
Meeting: Chair/Chief Executive Altnagelvin HSS Trust
Venue: Altnagelvin Area Hospital, L'Derry
Nominated: Mr McGowan

Date: 13 April 2005
Meeting: Chair/Chief Executive Foyle HSS Trust
Venue: Foyle Trust Headquarters, Riverview House, L'Derry
Nominated: Mr McGowan

Date: 18 April 2005
Meeting: Foyle Speech and Language Project Team
Venue: Woodview, Gransha Park, L'Derry
Nominated: Mrs Quigley

Date: 20 April 2005
Meeting: Cervical Cytology Group
Venue: WHSS Board Headquarters, Gransha Park, L'Derry
Nominated: Ms Robson

Date: 22 April 2005
Meeting: Pharmacy Practices Committee
Venue: Silverbirch Hotel, Omagh
Nominated: Mr McGowan Mr V McKelvey

Date: 25 April 2005
Meeting: Pharmacy Practices Committee
Venue: Silverbirch Hotel, Omagh
Nominated: Mr McGowan Mr V McKelvey

Date: 27 April 2005
Meeting: HSSC's Working Group
Venue: Glenavon Hotel, Cookstown
Nominated: Mr McGowan Ms Robson Mr Friel

Date: 27 April 2005
Meeting: Chair/Chief Executive HPSSRIA
Venue: Glenavon Hotel, Cookstown

Nominated: Mr McGowan

Date: 29 April 2005
Meeting: NI Cancer Forum
Venue: Castle Buildings, Belfast
Nominated: Ms Robson

Date: 3 May 2005
Meeting: Sperrin Lakeland PIP Group (Learning Disability)
Venue: Coleshill, Enniskillen
Nominated: Mr Campbell

Meetings and Events attended by Chief Officer/Staff for period 5/4/05 – 4/5/05

Date: 13 April 2005
Meeting: Information Officer WHSSB
Venue: WHSS Board Headquarters, Gransha Park, L'Derry

Date: 13 April 2005
Training: Agenda for Change
Venue: Lime Villa, Gransha Park, L'Derry

Date: 13 April 2005
Meeting: Chair/Chief Executive Altnagelvin HSS Trust
Venue: Altnagelvin Area Hospital, L'Derry

Date: 13 April 2005
Meeting: Chair/Chief Executive Foyle HSS Trust
Venue: Foyle Trust Headquarters, Riverview House, L'Derry

Date: 14/15 April 2005
Panel: Independent Inquiry
Venue: Belfast

Date: 20 April 2005
Meeting: Agenda for Change Co-ordinator WHSSB
Venue: WHSS Board Headquarters, Gransha Park, L'Derry
Nominated: Ms Reilly Mrs Preston Mrs Loughran

Date: 20 April 2005
Meeting: Complainant (MM)
Venue: L'Derry
Date: 21/22 April 2005
Panel: Independent Inquiry
Venue: Belfast

Date: 25 April 2005
Meeting: Complainant (MMP)
Venue: Hilltop, Tyrone and Fermanagh Hospital, Omagh

Date: 27 April 2005
Meeting: HSSC's Working Group
Venue: Glenavon Hotel, Cookstown

Date: 27 April 2005
Meeting: Chair/Chief Executive HPSSRIA
Venue: Glenavon Hotel, Cookstown

Date: 3 May 2005
Meeting: IFH (Early years)
Venue: HAZ Offices, Strabane

Date: 4 May 2005
Meeting: Chief Officer EHSSC
Venue: Hilltop, Tyrone and Fermanagh Hospital, Omagh

C40/05 **Date, time and place of next Council Meeting:**

Date: Thursday 2 June 2005
Time: 6.00pm
Venue: Library Headquarters
Spillar's Place
Omagh
Co Tyrone

The meeting ended at 7.40pm