



## Sláintecare Programme Board Meeting - Minutes

Meeting 2: 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 @ 9:30am via Microsoft Teams

### Attendees:

Robert Watt, DoH (**RW**)  
Paul Reid, HSE (**PR**)  
Tracey Conroy, DoH (**TC**)  
Muiris O'Connor, DoH (**MoC**)  
Greg Dempsey, DoH (**GD**)  
Dean Sullivan, HSE (**DS**)

Anne O'Connor, HSE, (**AOC**)  
Yvonne Goff, HSE (**YG**)  
Pat Healy, HSE (**PH**)  
Yvonne O'Neill, HSE (**YoN**)  
Liam Woods, HSE (**LW**)

### Apologies

Derek Tierney (**DT**)

### In Attendance:

Caroline Pigott, SPIO (**CP**)  
Bob Patterson, SPIO (**BP**)  
Muriel Farrell, SPIO (**MF**)  
Jack Nagle, SPIO (**JN**)  
Gary Martin, DoH (GM)

### 1. Minutes and matters arising

The minutes from the meeting of the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 were agreed. There were no matters arising.

### 2. Sláintecare Action Plan 2021 Report

An update was given on the status of the Sláintecare Progress Report 2021. This report sets out the progress made in 2021, against the priorities and actions detailed in the Sláintecare Implementation Strategy and Action Plan 2021 – 2023 and will be published later this week.

### 3. Programme Updates

Papers providing an update on each programme and plans for 2022 were circulated to Programme Board members in advance of the meeting, and these were referenced and discussed, as below.

#### 2022 Waiting List Action Plan (WLAP)

A Waiting List Action Plan 2022 has been developed with 40+ actions focusing on four main areas of work - delivering capacity, reforming scheduled care, enabling scheduled care reform and exploring community waiting lists. GD outlined, that working groups had been set up to establish this 2022 plan, the first year of a multi-annual waiting list plan. It is proposed to use the same governance approach and structure as had been successfully used for the short-term Waiting List Action Plan (September – December 2021).



It was noted that through the 2022 plan the HSE and NTPF propose to deliver services to remove more than 1.7m people from active acute scheduled waiting lists, which will more than address the projected 1.5m people to be added to these lists during 2022 as post-pandemic pent-up demand for health services is released. The net result will be a significant reduction in waiting lists by 18%, with the aim that by end 2022 the number of patients on active acute scheduled waiting lists will be at its lowest level in five years. Significant reforms will also be progressed in tandem with delivering this extra activity. The 2022 Waiting list action plan is to be published shortly.

RW was supportive of the proposed 2022 Waiting list action plan and proposed governance approach, as was PR who advised they will be engaging with the HSE Board on the draft plan.

### **Regional Health Areas – Programme Governance Structure**

Nominated leads have been appointed from the HSE and the Department of Health to a joint RHA Implementation Team and there has been good engagement on scoping the key workstreams of work. MOC gave an update on the proposed governance structure and the support of the RHA Advisory Group which is made up of stakeholders from across the health and social care system. They will provide guidance, support, and advice on the design of an RHA implementation plan to Department of Health and HSE officials charged with delivering this reform. MOC agreed to engage with the Advisory Groups to update on works done to date and align support to the Terms of Reference for the group.

The collaborative approach to RHAs is working well and there was agreement on the proposed governance proposals. A workshop of the HSE and DoH leadership teams is planned to further progress work on the development of the RHA implementation plan.

### **Enhanced Community Care**

TC and PH updated on progress in establishing the CHNs, Community Specialist teams for Older Persons and for Chronic Disease management which are being set-up to enhance community care and capacity and affect a shift from a hospital centric model of care to delivering more care in the community.

There is a major focus on recruitment including an international dimension which is targeting expatriates and others from Europe. Work is ongoing on the development of an integrated community digital platform and a market soundings exercise on options is planned.

AOC commented that there is significant support work going on to affect the shift of care to the community, the impacts of which are harder to measure until new teams and systems in place.

### **Consultant Contract**

RW updated on the ongoing engagement with the representative bodies on the implementation of the Sláintecare Consultant contract.

### **Elective Centres – next steps**

In alignment with the recent Government Decision and the Public Spending Code, work on the Programme Business Case and individual Preliminary Business Cases for Cork, Galway and



Dublin are nearing completion. These will be submitted to the Department shortly and if approved will be submitted to DPER’s new External Assurance Process.

There was a discussion on steps that could be taken in parallel, within the Public Sector Code to accelerate the elective hospital delivery timelines.

**AOB**

It was noted that the Secretary General of the Department and CEO of the HSE are appearing in front of the Joint Committee for Health on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February.

The next programme board meeting will be held towards the end of March.

**Follow up Actions**

Area	Action	Assigned to	For Completion
2022 Waiting List Plan	Complete final reviews & publication of 2022 Waiting List Plan	GD	End Feb
RHA	Workshop with Senior HSE and DoH leadership teams to input to the development of the implementation plan	MOC	End March
RHA	Engage with RHA Advisory Group regarding input to development of implementation plan	MOC	End March



## Appendix 1: Agenda

### Sláintecare Programme Board Meeting - Minutes

Meeting 2: 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 @ 9:30am via Microsoft Teams

---

1. Minutes and matters arising
2. Sláintecare Action Plan 2021 deliverables
3. Update from DoH / HSE Joint Leads on:
  - Waiting lists – Access to Care Plan 2022
  - Regional Health Areas – Programme Governance Structure
  - Enhanced Community Care
  - Sláintecare Consultant Contract
  - Elective Centres – next steps
4. Recap
  - Agreed actions
5. AoB