



Sláintecare Programme Board Meeting - Minutes

Meeting 4: 08th June 2022 @ 16:00 via Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

Robert Watt, DoH (**RW**)
Paul Reid, HSE (**PR**)
Rachel Kenna, DoH (**RK**)
Tracey Conroy, DoH (**TC**)
Muiris O'Connor, DoH (**MoC**)
Anne O'Connor, HSE, (**AOC**)

Greg Dempsey (**GD**)
Dean Sullivan (**DS**)
Louise McGirr, DoH (**LMcG**)
Pat Healy, HSE (**PH**)
Anne Marie Hoey (**AMH**)

Apologies

Kevin McCarthy, DCEDIY (**KMcC**)
Derek Tierney (**DT**)
Yvonne Goff, HSE (**YG**)
Liam Woods, HSE (**LW**)

Also in Attendance:

Chris Ryan (**CR**)
Bob Patterson, DoH (**BP**)
Muriel Farrell, DoH (**MF**)
Gary Martin, DoH (**GM**)

Jack Nagle, DoH (**JN**)
Sarah Treleaven, DoH (**ST**)
Rosaleen Harlin, DoH (**RH**)

1. Minutes and matters arising

The minutes from the meeting of the 29th March 2022 were agreed. There were no matters arising.

2. Sláintecare Action Plan 2022

The Sláintecare Action plan 2022, jointly developed by the DoH and HSE, was shared with the HSE EMT and HSE Board on the 12th and 27th April respectively and with the Department's Management Board on 15th April. The final plan was approved by the Minister on Thursday 26th May and published.

JN provided an update on the Sláintecare progress report for Quarter 1 and a lookahead report for Quarter 2. The support from all DoH and HSE project owners in providing timely updates on each project was noted.

3. Programme Updates

Papers providing an update on each programme were circulated to Programme Board members in advance of the meeting, and these were referenced, discussed and key points noted, as below:

2022 Waiting List Action Plan (WLAP)

DS provided an update on the implementation of the WLAP. By end April 2022, additions and removals to the lists were returning to planned levels. Higher levels of additional activity now need to be delivered over the course of the rest of the year to meet the year-end targets in respect of volumes and long waiters.

Focus in the first few months of the year has been on delivering additional activity. Now, longer-term reform actions, such as the modernisation of patient care pathways and the development of a multi-annual waiting list reduction plan, need to be progressed to meet Plan targets.



Regional Health Areas (RHAs)

An implementation plan, which sets out the key enabling workstreams, and their objectives, milestones, activities, and risks is currently being developed for the RHAs in collaboration with HSE and will be finalised by the end of the year. MOC provided an update on progress.

Workshops on RHAs have taken place with the HSE Board and senior teams from the HSE and DoH. Further stakeholder engagements are being planned, including engagement with Community Healthcare Organisations and Hospital Groups and with patient focus groups.

PR commented on the scale of the planned reforms that the implementation of RHAs will bring about which will result in major services and service delivery restructuring and RW added that the implementation of the RHAs is one of the larger reform programmes we will engage in.

Enhanced Community Care

Good progress is being maintained on the roll out of the Enhanced Community Care programme. PH updated on progress. Population profiling is being advanced with a focus on segments of the population.

The Community diagnostics roll-out continues to progress well with almost 96k diagnostics delivered in the community by the end of May and continuing to roll out at the rate of 18 -19k/month.

Recruitment of new resources remains a challenge and momentum of the recruitment campaign is being maintained.

The implementation of the Communications plan is progressing well, with planned visits by the Minister and CEO to see Primary Care Centres and integrated ECC Hubs of Older People and Chronic Disease working in practice on the ground.

Sláintecare Consultant Contract

The Government remains committed to introducing the Sláintecare Consultant Contract to hospital consultants as soon as possible. The Contract remains the subject of engagement with consultants' representative bodies, the IMO and the IHCA.

Elective Centres

The Government decision is to progress development of dedicated elective ambulatory centres in Cork, Galway and Dublin and will provide elective care services for all the population of Ireland.

BP updated on progress and indicated that the Cork and Galway Preliminary Business Cases (PBCs) are progressing through their internal reviews, DPOR review, an External Assurance Process and a multi criteria analysis, in line with the Public Spending Code. The Elective Hospitals Oversight Group met in late May and offered feedback on the Preliminary Business Case and considered work underway on next steps. The Cork and Galway PBCs are expected to be finalised first while the Dublin Project Business Case is also being progressed in parallel.

Strategic Workforce Planning/Recruitment update

AMH provided an update on the HSE recruitment campaign. At the end of April there was a net increase in workforce of 2,249 whole time equivalents across all disciplines and across community and acutes.



The HSE have increased their capacity to recruit and are deploying different strategies to recruitment across the different staffing categories and to attract and retain staff.

Work is also progressing on a resourcing strategy to support a sustainable supply of health professionals including targeting international markets and addressing healthcare force requirements and demands for the future. RK advised that the DoH and HSE are working collaboratively on a strategic workforce plan.

PR commented that on some of his visits to healthcare facilities he met with a number of therapists who have returned to Ireland due to the Enhanced Community Care programme and other reforms and they can see there is a longer-term plan for the health services and their careers.

GP and Hospital Eligibility Expansion

CR updated on work underway to look at eligibility options and an eligibility framework in line with Sláintecare goals.

Sláintecare Integration Fund Phase 2 Programme

The Sláintecare Programme Board meeting on 29th March 2022 gave approval to commence a closed call for Round 2 of the Sláintecare Integration Innovation funding. MF provided an update on work underway between the DoH and HSE to agree details of this. The call will initially target DoH & HSE innovation priorities that require seed funding to provide “proof of concept” with a view to mainstreaming/ scaling successful projects through the annual budget estimates process.

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 15th June.

The next programme board meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st September at 14:00.



Appendix 1: Agenda

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1. Minutes and matters arising
2. Sláintecare Action Plan 2022 – Progress report for Q1 and lookahead for Q2
3. Update from DoH / HSE Joint Leads on:
 - Waiting lists – Access to Care Plan 2022
 - Regional Health Areas
 - Enhanced Community Care
 - Sláintecare Consultant Contract
 - Elective Centres – next steps
 - Strategic Workforce Planning/Recruitment update
 - GP and Hospital Eligibility Expansion
 - SIF Phase 2 Programme
4. Recap
 - Agreed actions
 - Next scheduled meeting 21st September at 14:00
5. AoB