

Management Board Meeting Minutes

Monday 16 July 2018, 10.30

Attendance: Secretary General (Fergal Lynch), Bernie McNally, Dermot Ryan, Éimear Fisher and Michelle Shannon. Miriam Kenna reporting.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of meeting of 9 July 2018 were agreed.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Brief Updates

BMcN provided updates on (i) EY Budget (ii) EY Projects (iii) Memo to Government around Parental leave (iv) Constitutional Amendment on Article 41.2 (women in the home) and (v) National Report on EY overage exemption.

MS provided updates on (i) Commission on Mother and Baby Homes (IDG 23 July; Collaborative Forum meeting 26 July; legal advice and costing received; Memo to Gov for Sept) (ii) Adoption (illegal registrations).

DR provided updates on (i) GDPR; Record of Processing Activities (ROPA) (ii) GUI (iii) External HR and (iv) Fire alarm testing.

EF provided updates on (i) Section 3 proposals (awaiting response from DJE) (ii) HIQA report (Quality Assurance Group – ToR with Minister) (iii) Action plan on HIQA report (iv) Multi Agency Child Centres (v) Insurance cover for foster carers (vi) Educational Welfare (Private Members' Bill) , (vii) National Review Panel governance (proposals with Minister) (viii) Child and Family Agency (Foster Care Oversight) Bill 2018 (PMB) and (ix) Tusla proposed organisation structure (External HR has provided feedback on it).

4. Legal Update

Genevieve Burke attended the meeting for this item and presented on the quarterly report of the Legal Unit. The report focused on significant matters for the attention of the MB and a number of issues were reviewed including the Reeves/Donnelly case; EY contracts for quality; Operation Neolithic and GDPR.

The MB noted the issues highlighted and thanked the Legal Unit for its work.

5. The REPPP Project

Sean Redmond joined the meeting for this item. He had circulated in advance a paper on his presentation.

He gave background information and rationale on the projects involved. He outlined the present position on each of the following projects;

- Usefulness of admin data collected in the Youth Justice System
- Greentown study
- Bail Supervision Service
- New model of systematic evidence review
- Incentivising Research activity to align with policy needs

Indicating the direction the project was taking, the end times for each and the future for further research projects.

MB discussed areas of interest, and the value of such projects. They thanked Sean and his team for the work carried out on these projects.

6. Projected overspending and implications for the vote

Ger Banville, Ruth Mulligan (Finance) Gordon Gaffney and Ryan Duffy (Early Years) joined the meeting for this item. Papers had been circulated prior to the meeting.

This discussion centred around the significant overspend and the reasons why it happened and the options available for its resolution.

GG explained that the seemingly excessive balance in Pobal accounts was necessary as Pobal need a float in advance to ensure payments are met and capital funding they receive would be used in July.

FL asked that a note be prepared for DPER to explain this anomaly.

With regard to the overspend BMcN explained that demand led schemes were higher than expected causing some of this overspend. There was a discussion on potential areas of savings with unpalatable and more realistic options being outlined.

It was agreed that the Minister be informed of the situation.

7. For Noting

June Expenditure Analysis and Tusla Performance Analysis - July 2018 were both noted by MB.

8. Next Meeting

The next MB meeting was confirmed for Monday 23 July at 10:30.