



THE ROYAL HOSPITAL DONNYBROOK

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 28th May 2020 at 8 am via Video Conference

Present: Brendan Pigott (Chairman), Caroline O'Shea (Vice-Chair), Conor O'Connor (Hon Treasurer/Hon Secretary), Dorothy MacCann, Ruth Deasy, Oisin Quinn, Alan Gough, David Robinson, David Gunning, Tom Hayes, Michele McCormack, Cllr. Paddy McCartan, Sonia Gyles

In attendance: Conor Leonard, Colm Moloney, Dr. Lisa Cogan, Evonne Healy, Oonagh Ryan,

Apologies: Cllr. Dermot Lacey

Conflict of Interest None declared

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Minutes & Matters Arising from meeting of 30th April 2020

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

There were no other matters arising.

The Chairman welcomed David Robinson to the Board

Matters for Discussion

AGM - Due to the ongoing public health advice in relation to Covid – 19 the Board approved the holding of the 2020 AGM via Webinar and to delay it until early September 2020.

Matters for Information

CEO Report

COVID-19 – following mass testing on April 28th there was one patient, one resident and two staff members detected as asymptomatic positive. This constituted an outbreak requiring Public Health intervention. All protocols were followed and admissions were stopped and subject to no further cases RHD can reopen for admissions on May 30th. Residential care remains full but rehabilitation is now only one third occupied. A plan to maximise admissions once restrictions have been lifted is currently being reviewed.

ICT – The HSE fully funded the replacement of the server. The tender for wired and wireless have been evaluated and have gone back to the OGP.

HIQA – Registration in progress as a Statutory body.

The Board and Management acknowledged the Friends for the support that has been provided to date getting patients and families connected by providing tablets to RHD.

Discussion had re plans to reintroduce visiting once approved nationally. The Friends in principle have agreed to support a resource to manage this process.

RHD are taking part in a trial on behalf of the HSE using temperature scanners on entering the hospital.

Management Accounts

An operating surplus of €29K was reported in April. Main reason for this is the low level of occupancy and this is likely to extend into May and June reducing the need for overtime and agency.

In the April IMR return all agencies were asked to separately report incremental costs arising from Covid 19, there has been no promise of reimbursement funding but the request must be seen in a positive light. Of the April results €141k of the €313K deficit are Covid related.

Michele McCormack joined the meeting

D Gunning suggested as there has been no funding for minor capital for a number of years that a proposal be sent to the HSE bundling a number of requests under infection control.

Emerging Issues & Any Other Business

C Leonard to prepare a few lines on RHD Covid 19 status that Board members can use if any queries raised.

It was agreed that going forward there was a need to review how care for older people is delivered in Ireland. There will be a need for analysis and debate and RHD should be pushing this agenda. RHD also need to look at this in the context of our own strategy.

Next Meetings:

Board 25th June 2020

Close of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting then closed.

Action List

Item	Action Date	Person Responsible	Progress
Recommendation on how to deal with legacy Patient Monies	June Board Meeting	Audit Committee	
Review need to include in Board standing orders holding of meetings by video conferencing	June Board Meeting	Chairman	
Circulate Revised Option Agreement Contract	Immediate	CEO / Secretary	
Circulate statement on RHD Covid status	Immediate	CEO / Secretary	
Bundle minor capital costs under infection control proposal to HSE	Immediate	CEO / HMT	

Brendan Pigott
Chairman, Board of Management
25th June 2020