



MID-WESTERN
HEALTH BOARD

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To: Cathoirleach & Each Member
Mid-Western Health Board

Item No 3 on Agenda

Briefing Notes for the Report of the Chief Executive Officer

Acute Hospital Services

Developments at the Regional Maternity Hospital

Capital developments at the Regional Maternity Hospital were the subject of discussion with the Department of Health & Children in October 2003. The Department undertook to provide funding for the project, which was formally approved on 23rd February 2004.

Full planning permission and fire certificate is in place. The contractor is expected to commence on site in the next month.

The long-term goal is to relocate maternity services to the Mid-Western Regional Hospital Campus in line with the proposed Development Control Plan.

Private Hospital

A PIN notice (Prior Information Notice) was placed in the OJEU, the EU's official journal for the publication of tender notices in November 2003.

The Department of Health & Children was briefed on progress at a meeting on 7th January 2004, and were advised of the position in writing on 29th January 2004.

Clarification was requested by the Department of Health & Children on some aspects of the proposal in a letter dated 25th February. A response issued on 9th March 2004 with amended documentation. It is now intended to dispatch the amended contract notice on 19th March 2004, subject to the Department's approval.

Cystic Fibrosis Services at the Mid-Western Regional Hospital

The upgrade of three rooms at the Mid-Western Regional Hospital for CF in-patient care commenced in December 2003. The refurbishment consists of new en-suite bathroom facilities, upgrading of mechanical and electrical services, new furnishings and floor coverings. Final

paint and fitting out is completed and the rooms are being handed over from the contractor today.

Radiotherapy Services

Following the Board's approval to grant the licence to the Mid-Western Hospitals Development Trust, discussions have commenced with legal representatives. A draft licence will issue to the Trust in the next few days.

Work has commenced on the final design of the unit.

A draft project management plan is in place. The Board will be assigning a Project Manager to work with the parties concerned to advance this development.

Planning Brief for Ennis General Hospital

Approval was received from the Department of Health & Children to the draft Brief for developments at Ennis General Hospital. The Brief issued to the Design Team to facilitate the negotiation of an acceptable fee for the proposed planning and design work.

The fee proposal was submitted to the Department on 2nd March and approval is awaited.

Accreditation

The first major milestone of the accreditation process for the MWHB Acute Hospital Service has now concluded with the submission of documentation by the 17 self-assessment teams to the Health Service Accreditation Board. This is the culmination of a major task by staff throughout the service, particularly in the latter stages when strict deadlines had to be met. The next stage in the process is the preparation of supporting documentation and preparation for the site visit by the assessment team in early June 2004.