

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING (OPEN SESSION) HELD AT 09:00HRS ON WEDNESDAY, 3 JULY 2020, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE HEALTH DIRECTORATE

Present:	Hon. Derek Thomas	Chairman	
	Hon. Brian Isaac	Deputy Chairman	
	Hon. Anthony Green	Member	
	Hon. Cruyff Buckley	"	
	Hon. Jeffrey Ellick	"	
	Mr. Edward Rayment	Director of Health	
	Mrs. Helen Lawrence	Deputy Director of Health	
	Mrs. Peta M Henry	Secretary	
Invited:	Miss. Alfreda Yon	Programme Manager (PMU)	(item 33.03)
	Miss. Kate Heneghan	HP & Social Marketing Lead	(item 33.06)

OPEN AGENDA

33.01 Welcome & Apologies

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all present. It was noted that there were no members of the public present for the meeting.

33.02 Declaration(s) of Interest

There were no 'declarations of interest'.

33.03 Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU)

The PM was welcomed to the meeting and invited to give an update on progress of the PICU to date. She talked Committee through composition of the status report she had compiled in preparation for the meeting and advised that a complete design and updated costing had been commissioned; and was expected within the week ahead. It was noted that the Unit would not qualify as a micro-project if the new costing fell in excess of £50,000.00. In discussing this, the PM undertook to update Committee on the new costing as soon as possible following receipt.

Action: PM

On behalf of Committee the PM was thanked for her attendance and left the meeting at 09:35hrs.

33.04 Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the 'open' session of the Public Health Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 3 June 2020, were confirmed and signed.

**33.05 Matters Arising
Health & Safety**

The Chairman advised that this matter remained with the Deputy CS to progress.

Primary Care Facility (Sundale)

Committee acknowledged competing priorities across the wider SHG but agreed there was a need to progress this project as soon as possible. The DoH undertook to obtain an update on progress of both the design and cost-related work as agreed at the last PHC meeting.

Action: DoH

National Health Insurance Scheme Project

The Chairman advised that funding for a Consultant had now been included within the TC budget. Committee agreed this was pleasing to note.

Proposed Amendment to Mental Health & Mental Capacity Ordinance

In discussing feedback from the Director of Children & Adults Social Care on progress to date, Committee agreed the matter be raised at the next meeting of Executive Council.

Action: Chairman

Mental Health Unit/PICU

See note at 33.03 above.

Update - Visiting Delegation from Mauritius

It was confirmed that there was nothing further to report by way of progress to date.

Tobacco Control Legislation (Feedback & Next Steps)

The Chairman advised that all would be aware the relevant Legislation has been passed at the last sitting of Legislative Council. He commented that this had been a significant achievement and thanked Committee for their support.

COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

The DoH informed Committee that Dr Kamar Tanyan was working with PHE on a unified presentation to IEG around Covid-19. In addition to this, much work was being done to ensure relevant policies, procedures and strategies were updated, interlinked and in place. The SMO was leading this work. The DoH advised that the availability of oxygen at Bradleys remained an issue and was therefore being addressed as a matter of urgency. Much discussion followed.

Medical Referrals Data

The DoH advised that a Paper around Medical Referrals would be forthcoming.

Action: DoH

Internet Access during Committee Meetings

A Member confirmed having approached the IT Section regarding this.

33.06 Tobacco Control Legislation (Supporting Regulations/Communications Strategy)

The HP&SML was welcomed to the meeting. She talked Committee through the content of a Paper on Tobacco Control Legislation, which provided an overview of key highlights of the new legislation and essentially what it aimed to achieve. A number of 'actions' emanated from the discussion that followed. The HP&SML undertook to address these.

Action: HP&SML

Committee agreed that the previously proposed £10.00 Registration fee should be split as follows:

- Registration Fee: £5
- Inspection Fee: £5

The draft Communications Strategy was discussed at length. It was agreed the HP&SML would liaise closely with the SHG Press Office regarding delivery and the possibility of a presentation via local TV as an additional means of reaching the public. Committee agreed composition of the strategy as presented and asked that every effort be made to ensure implementation at 1 September 2020.

On behalf of Committee, the HP&SML was thanked for both her attendance and the work she had done thus far. She left the meeting at 10:50hrs.

Meeting suspended at 10:50hrs and resumed at 11:05hrs.

33.07 Chairman's Update

It was agreed the Chairman's Update would be give under 'closed' session.

**33.08 Director's Update
Staffing (Covid-19 Preparedness)**

The DoH informed Committee that he had been made aware of the interest around utilisation of staff recruited as part of the Islands Covid-19 preparedness. He gave an update on all staff recruited under this categorisation, the positions they held and the work being undertaken in addition to day-to-day clinical duties. In discussing this, it was agreed arrangements would be made for the relevant staff to be introduced to Committee at the next scheduled PHC meeting;

Action: Secretary

33.09 Any Other Urgent Business

There was no business for discussion under this classification.

There being no further business for discussion, the Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the 'open' session of the meeting at 10:25hrs.

Signed: _____


Date: 5 Aug 2020