

Policy Forum for Ireland Keynote Seminar: The reform of healthcare in Ireland

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 23rd November 2017

Venue: The Alexander Hotel, 41-47 Fenian Street, Dublin 2



Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Kate O'Connell TD, Member, Oireachtas Health Committee and the Oireachtas Future Healthcare Committee
- 9.05 - 9.35 **The future role of the HSE: national strategy, organisation and oversight**
Tony O'Brien, Director General, HSE
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 10.45 **Shaping the health service: structure, capacity and meeting the needs of patients**
What possible issues arise from the proposed disentanglement of public and private healthcare - particularly for staffing, funding of services and ability to meet demand - and which options should be considered for tackling the challenges? In what ways might the geographical alignment of services - including in hospital and community health organisations - be altered in population-based health planning and delivery to ensure effective treatment of patients throughout the country? To what extent might the phased reduction and eventual removal of costs for healthcare services in hospitals and in primary care settings impact on delivery of service - in particular in reacting to the increase in demand - and how might this be addressed? What barriers exist in the shift toward primary and community care services - such as improving pathways between primary, acute and secondary care, and shaping services effectively - and in what ways might these be tackled? Given the possible impact of the separation of public and private healthcare services on the workforce, what options are available to ensure staffing is sufficient - including through training and recruitment, and possible incentivisation for retaining staff in each sector? How might the announced €685 million rise in healthcare funding from the Budget best be utilised to support the reform of services, including in regard to the provision of additional frontline staff?
Ian Carter, Chief Executive Officer, RCSI Hospitals Group
Simon Nugent, Chief Executive, Private Hospitals Association
Stephen McMahon, Co-Founder and Chair, Irish Patients Association
Chris Goodey, Chief Executive, National Association of General Practitioners
Marie Sherlock, Economist, SIPTU
Liam Doran, General Secretary, Irish Nurses and Midwives Organisation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 - 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Kate O'Connell TD, Member, Oireachtas Health Committee and the Oireachtas Future Healthcare Committee
- 10.50 - 11.20 Coffee
- 11.20 - 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**
Louise O'Reilly TD, Sinn Féin Spokesperson on Health and Vice-Chair, Oireachtas Health Committee
- 11.25 - 12.25 **Supporting healthcare services: priorities for innovation, e-health and infrastructure**
Where innovation and good practice is developed and proven to be effective, what mechanism can be put in place to ensure that it is rolled out across the health service? To what extent will Brexit impact on cross-border collaboration currently in place, and what options exist for the development of further collaboration on inter-jurisdictional healthcare? What action is needed - including from industry, the health service, government and others - to ensure the effective delivery of the eHealth Strategy and the full integration of all information? Where are the priorities for infrastructure development in both primary and secondary care, and how might the Capacity Review be used most effectively to deliver key infrastructure projects in order to support the effective reform of the health service?
Fran Thompson, Assistant National Director, Engagement & Delivery, HSE
Sean Murphy, Chairman, Acute Strategy Group, Co-operation and Working Together (CAWT)
Professor John Higgins, Principal Investigator, Health Innovation Hub Ireland and Professor of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, University College Cork
Sandra Gannon, General Manager, Teva Pharmaceuticals Ireland and Joint Chairperson, Medicines for Ireland
Aaron Boyle, Partner, Arthur Cox
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 - 12.55 **Lessons from other jurisdictions**
Professor Deirdre Heenan, Professor of Social Sciences and Director, Health & Wellbeing Research Centre, Ulster University
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Ireland closing remarks**
Louise O'Reilly TD, Sinn Féin Spokesperson on Health and Vice-Chair, Oireachtas Health Committee
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Ireland