

Minutes of Management Board Meeting held on 13th February 2017

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

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 6th February 2016 were agreed.

2. Matters Arising

MB/PO Meeting of 22 February

FL will circulate ideas based on feedback from a number of POs. EF advised that Moling Ryan would be willing to meet with the MB.

Office Notice re: Staffing

Notice prepared by HR Unit to be considered by DR in conjunction with his team.

3. Brief Updates

EF gave updates on: (i) Children First Implementation, (ii) GAL, (iii) Aftercare Policy, (iv) Special Care Regulations, (v) Disability Protocol, (vi) Homelessness, (vii) BOBF [Advisory Council and Sponsors' Group Meetings], (viii) QCBI, (ix) Review of BOBF [New AP], (x) ABC Showcase [14 Feb], and (xi) Representation at UNCEDAW meeting.

DR gave updates on: (i) McCabe Issue, (ii) Tusla Monthly Reports [Nov/Dec 2016], (iii) Children's Rights Alliance Report Card 2017, (iv) HR Discussions, (v) Report on 'Mary' Case, and (vi) Finance [DPER Spending Review 2018].

MS gave updates on: (i) Oberstown [Reviews, Meeting with Unions and Capacity], (ii) Greentown Report Launch, (iii) Bail Supervision Scheme, (iv) Suspended Sentences, (v) Youth Justice Action Plan Implementation Team, (vi) Adoption (Amendment) Bill, (vii) AAI Appeal, and (viii) Commission of Investigation [Mother and Baby Homes].

4. Children First Update and DCYA's Corporate Obligations

Marie Kennedy (CSPPU) joined the meeting for this item and spoke to the paper circulated in advance. She noted the focused engagement at the Children First Oversight Group. CSPPU has been working on a range of preparatory measures to ensure that units have fully examined their state of readiness, for the commencement of Children First. This included a questionnaire designed to prompt questions of each unit regarding its extent of engagement with children and the procedures in place for dealing with child welfare and protection concerns. The extent of work involved was noted, including the volume of organisations needing to certify compliance.

The next meeting of the Oversight Group will take place on 13 March, to discuss revisions to the questionnaire and refined terms of reference. Documents finalised by the group will be provided to the MB. MK will continue to update the MB after each Oversight Group meeting.

5. Brexit

EF discussed the issues covered in the note circulated in advance and summarised the main points emerging at the Conference of 30 January. FL briefed on a recent Brexit discussion with other Secretaries General, which noted the major implications involved in Brexit. FL thanked EF's team for the work done on the Brexit event for young people (30 January).

6. For Noting

- (iv) Government Memos – FL advised that the Affordable Childcare Scheme was the subject of pre-legislative scrutiny last week.

7. AOB

- PMDS status was noted. FL again stressed the importance of speedy completion. An email has issued to staff, and progress is to be reviewed in two weeks.
- MB members were reminded of the need to return feedback on Corporate Risks (following discussions with POs) to the Communications and Corporate Governance Unit, arising from the Risk Committee meeting of 11 January 2017. A further discussion on same is due to take place at the MB meeting of 20 February 2017.
- FL updated the MB members on developments regarding Miesian Plaza.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday 20th February at 10:30am.