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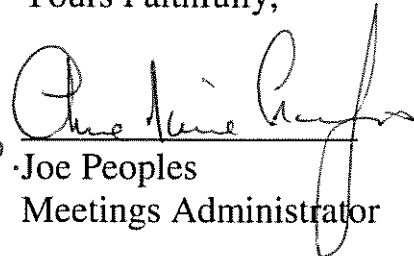
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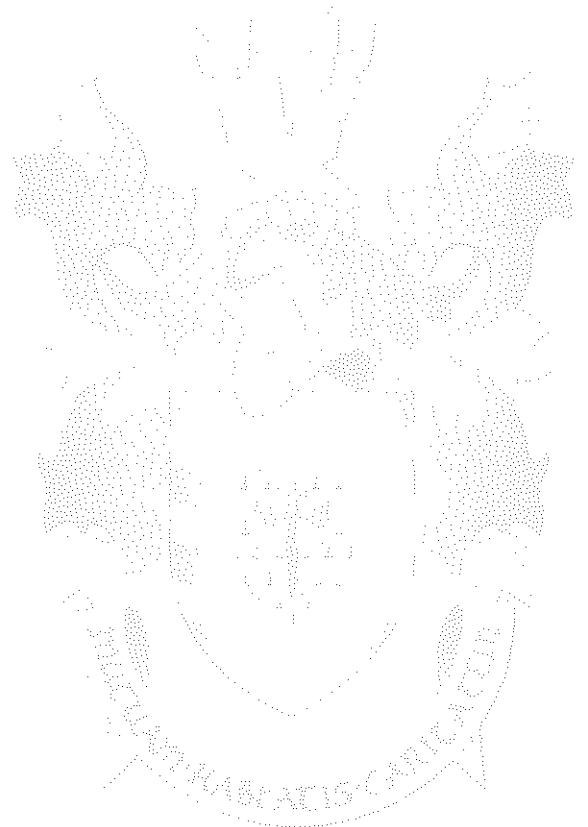
A Chara,

I wish to bring to your attention the following motion agreed by the members of Donegal County Council at a recent meeting, and forwarded to Mr Simon Harris, T.D., Minister for Health for his attention:-

“That this Council support my vote of no confidence in the HSE which was passed unanimously at the Letterkenny Municipal Meeting and that the Health Service Executive revert to the old health board model.”

Yours Faithfully,


PP Joe Peoples
Meetings Administrator





3rd January, 2017

Mr Simon Harris, T.D
Minister for Health
Department of Health
Hawkins House
Dublin 2
D02 VW90

Re: Vote of No Confidence in the Health Service Executive.

Dear Minister,

At the recent meeting of Donegal County Council the following motion was unanimously agreed:-

"That this Council support my vote of no confidence in the HSE which was passed unanimously at the Letterkenny Municipal Meeting and that the Health Service Executive revert to the old health board model.

Members debated the motion at length raising a number of serious issues and concerns.

I attach for your information a summary of the issues raised during the debate and ask that you respond directly in relation to the concerns raised by Members.

Yours faithfully

Joe Peoples
Meetings Administrator

HSE Service Provision in Donegal

Issues raised by Members of Donegal County Council

- HSE unable to process persons presenting at A&E. Waiting times a major issue.
- Concern in relation to the ongoing implementation of the “Full Capacity Protocol” at Letterkenny University Hospital.
- Monies pumped into HSE but no improvement in services.
- Ambulance Service – present cover not sufficient for an area the size of Donegal.
- Concern regarding use of private ambulances and the fact that these are often procured from outside the County.
- Staff struggling to cope on a daily basis.
- Essential that Community Hospitals are maintained and funded as they are strategically placed to deal with a number of the overcrowding issues in Letterkenny University Hospital.
- Noted the plight of parents requiring palliative care at home for their children. Present service inadequate.
- Inhumane that patients from Donegal are expected to travel to Galway for treatment on an ongoing basis
- Contended that Donegal is looked upon as the poor relation within the Saolta Regional Health Forum Western Region and that the resources needed to support and run Letterkenny University Hospital are not sufficient. Saolta Group too large and Letterkenny University Hospital despite being the 6th largest hospital in Ireland does not feature in the top ten funded hospitals nationwide.
- Current system of healthcare is not working and thus there is a need to revert back to the old Health Board Model.
- Lack of accountability a problem within the HSE.
- Constructive criticism needs to be taken on board by the HSE.