

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF  
HEALTH INFORMATION AND QUALITY AUTHORITY**

**14 June 2018, 14.00 -16.00, Smithfield**

**Present:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Initials</b>
Martin Sisk	Board Member	MS
Stephen O'Flaherty	Board Member	SOF
Jim Kiely	Board Member	JK
Caroline Spillane	Board Member (by phone)	CS
Mary Fennessy	Board Member	MF
Paula Kilbane Chair	Board Member	PK
Enda Connolly	Board Member	EC
Barbara O'Neill	Board Member	BON
Molly Buckley	Board Member	MB
Judith Foley	Board Member	JF

**In Attendance:**

Phelim Quinn	CEO	PQ
Mary Dunnion	Chief Inspector and Director of Regulation	MD
Rosie Becker Garde	Administration	RBG
Eddie Evans	External Legal Advisor	EE
Aoife McCann	Senior Legal Advisor	AMcC
Sharon Austin	Inspector, Regulation	SA
Gillian Hastings	Programme Coordinator, Regulation	GH
Bronagh Gibson	Inspector Manager, Regulation	BG
Ann Ryan	National Head of Programme-Children's Services, Regulation	AR

**Apologies:**

Deirdre Madden	Board Member	DM
Kathleen Lombard	Board Secretary and Chief Risk Officer	KL

## 1. Selection of Chair

In accordance with Section 18 – (3)(b) of the Health Act, the Board members nominated Paula Kilbane to chair this meeting.

## 2. Quorum

It was noted that a quorum was present and the Board meeting was duly convened.

The Chairperson stated that the purpose of the meeting was to consider the final *Report of the investigation into the management of allegations of child sexual abuse against adults of concern by the Child and Family Agency (Tusla) upon the direction of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs*

## 3. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

## 4. Briefing and Presentation

Mary Dunnion (MD) introduced the item and was joined by the members of the investigation team including Gillian Hastings, Bronagh Gibson, Ann Ryan and Sharron Austin. In addition, Aoife McCann, Senior Legal Advisor and Eddie Evans (EE) of Beauchamps solicitors were present.

The Board were reminded that the draft report of the investigation was approved by the Board on 17<sup>th</sup> April for issue to relevant parties as part of the due process stage of the investigation.

MD, GH and the team presented the outputs of the *due process* to the Board to provide assurances that the investigation had been conducted appropriately in line with HIQA's internal investigative processes and fair procedures. The feedback and where it was reflected in the final report was discussed in detail by the Board and any queries were answered by the team.

MD outlined the main findings of the investigation and the recommendations to the Board.

The recommendations were discussed in detail and it was agreed that there should be a slight change in the wording of one of the recommendations to ensure greater clarity. The change was agreed and MS proposed the approval of the final report which was seconded by EC. **Accordingly it was resolved that the final report of the investigation into the management of allegations of child sexual abuse against adults of concern by Tusla be approved by the Board.**

It was noted that HIQA will design a monitoring programme based on the findings of the investigation and in 2019 will begin the development of revised National Standards for Children and Social Services.

MD advised the Board that following approval of the report it will be published on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018. The Chairperson and the Board expressed their appreciation and thanks to the team for the quality of work and on producing an excellent report.

**5. Any other business**

Some of the Board members reported that they are having issues with their iPads. The Executive will examine these issues and revert at the next Board meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was brought to a close.

**Signed**



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Paula Kilbane  
Chairperson



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Rosie Becker Garde  
Board support

