

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

17 August 2021, 4pm- 5pm
Zoom Conference

Present:

Name	Details	Initials
Pat O'Mahony	Chairperson	POM
Jim Kiely	Board Member	JK
Bernadette Costello	Board Member	BC
Lynsey Perdisatt	Board Member	LP
Paula Kilbane	Board Member	PK
Tony McNamara	Board Member	TMcN
Marion Meany	Board Member	MM
Martin O'Halloran	Board Member	MOH
Danny McConnell	Board member	DMcC
Martin Higgins	Board Member	MH

In Attendance:

Phelim Quinn	CEO	PQ
Aoife McCann	Head of Legal Services	AMcC

Apologies:

Caroline Spillane	Board Member	CS
Michael Rigby	Board Member	MJR
Kathleen Lombard	Board Secretary	KL

1. Welcome and Quorum

The Chairperson welcomed members to the Board meeting and advised that apologies had been received from CS and MR.

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

2. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts were declared on any matters on the agenda.

3. Reappointment of Mary Dunnion as Chief Inspector of Social Services.

The Chairperson outlined that the meeting was a single agenda item meeting to seek the Board's approval for the re-appointment of Mary Dunnion (MD) as Chief Inspector of Social Services for a fixed term period up until 31 October 2021 or shorter period as required.

PQ outlined that HIQA had sought sanction for the position of Chief Inspector of Social Services and the position of Director of Healthcare Regulation in February of this year. There was significant delay in receiving sanction for both positions from the DOH. As soon as sanction was obtained the recruitment campaigns to both positions were commenced and are progressing well, but are not yet complete.

In the interim and in line with the Health Act, HIQA is seeking the approval of the Minister for Health with the consent of the Minister for Finance for the re-appointment of MD as Chief Inspector. PQ set out the process for the appointment under the Health Act. The Chief Inspector's scheme of determination was discussed. It was noted that the appointment would be made on a temporary short term basis until 31 October or earlier if a suitable candidate is identified and on the same terms and conditions as the current arrangement.

There was discussion by Board on a number of legal and procedural points and clarity was provided by PQ and AMcC, HIQA's Head of Legal Services.

JK proposed approval of the proposal to re-appoint MD as Chief Inspector of Social Services, TMcN seconded the proposal; **accordingly it was unanimously resolved that the re-appointment of MD as Chief Inspector of Social Services be approved by the Board.**

It was noted that the Chairperson will now write to the Minister for Health seeking his approval with the consent of the Minister for Finance for the appointment.


17. Any other Business

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

Signed



Pat O'Mahony
Chairperson



Kathleen Lombard
Board Secretary

Actions arising from Board meeting on 17 August 2021

No	Action	Person Responsible	Time-frame
1	Chairperson will write to the Minister for Health seeking his approval with the consent of the Minister for Finance for the appointment.	POM	August 2021