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| *Date of Meeting* | | 20/10/2017 | | ***Ref*** | 17/5/PMcN | |
| *Meeting* | | IBTS Board | | | | |
| *Present* | | Prof Anthony Staines, Chairperson; Linda Hickey, Deirdre Cullivan, Brian O’Mahony Kate Williams | | | | |
| *In attendance* | | | Andy Kelly, Chief Executive; Dr Stephen Field, Nessan Rickard (HR Director) | | | |
| *By Audio-link* | | | Dr Yvonne Traynor; Simon Mills, John Malone, Dr Ronan Desmond | | | |
| *Apologies* | | | Dr Liz Kenny, Dr Satu Pastila, | | | |
| **#** | Item | | | | | Notes/Action |
| **1.0** | **Cork Centre** | | | | |  |
| **1.1** | The Chairperson thanked everyone for making themselves available in person or via telecom for the meeting. He noted the meeting in Portlaoise on 13th October and the outcome of that meeting which had agreed a letter of comfort from Cork in relation to additional monies in excess of €14m budgeted being met by HSE.  The subsequent letter from the CE of CUH was noted. It did not reflect, either the tenor, or the details of the meeting in Portlaoise. As a result of this letter Prof. Staines had spoken with Annette Dennehy, who is Business Manager in Cork. A second letter was received from the A/CEO of the South / South West Hospital Group and circulated to all Board members.  The CE Report as circulated to Board members was discussed including the Recommendation that the IBTS discontinues the project of building a new Centre on CUH campus and progress to build the centre on the grounds of St Finbarr’s Hospital or on a green field site. The CE explained how he had come to this recommendation.  The Chairperson noted that as recently as July and November 2016 there had been similar situations / issues with the project and there had been assurances by relevant personnel in Cork that all would be done to move things along however, we were again at an impasse. He noted that there had been many attempts over the last number of years to progress the new Centre in Cork and each time there had been issues and this was the last in a long list of issues with the project. He noted the time and effort put in by the CE and IBTS staff, as well as staff in HSE and CUH, seeking to progress this project.  The CE confirmed that he had taken legal advice on the letter dated 19th October received from A/CEO Hospital Group and he had been advised that the IBTS could not take this in any way as being a “comfort” as it does not guarantee if there was an overrun of the €14m budget the HSE would be responsible for the excess. Given the delays, there was a real risk of a budget overrun.  The CE noted that the best possible solution at this point would be for the IBTS to provide some funding to CUH to develop a single blood bank and for the IBTS to build a centre in St Finbarr’s for all other IBTS activities.  There was a lengthy discussion about this proposal and the Chairperson noted, with regret, that he did not see a way forward and believed that the Board was now in a position that they needed to make a decision not to proceed with the building on CUH.  There was also a discussion regarding the provision by the IBTS of Therapeutic Apheresis Service to hospitals in the Munster Region. The M&SD stated that the IBTS should continue this activity in the short term and bring forward a proposal on how it would transfer to CUH to provide a sustainable and cost effective service.  The excellent work by the therapeutic staff in Cork was noted. It was agreed that the service would be wound down within a specified timeframe by the IBTS following that pattern used in Dublin, where the service transferred to St. James’s Hospital. It was also agreed that a paper on how to transfer this service should be presented, by the EMT to the Board for the December Board meeting. | | | | |  |
| **1.2** | **Next Steps** | | | | |  |
|  | It was agreed by all present that the IBTS would discontinue the project of building a new centre on CUH and proceed to build the Centre either on the Grounds of St Finbarr’s or a green field site and provide some funding to CUH to build a single blood bank on its campus.  The CE will draft a letter which outlines the Board decision and this would be circulated to all Board members for comment.  The CE will have discussions with the DoH to ensure that the capital €14m would still be available for the new Centre based on the decision taken by Board today. | | | | | CE to draft letter for consideration / comment by all members  CE to advise DoH |
| **1.3** | The Chairperson thanked all Board members and the Executive for their input and requested that the decision and discussions would be kept confidential to the Board and this was agreed. The decision will be announced after the Board meeting on 13th November. The meeting concluded. | | | | |  |

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